

RUDI TO SPY ON MEXICO

Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf will go on a spying mission to New Zealand next Wednesday.

Gutendorf will fly to Auckland to watch the clash between New Zealand and Mexico.

He will kill two birds with the one stone as he will be able to watch Mexico — the Socceroos' next opponent — and the Kiwis — our World Cup opponents, in action at the same time.

No doubt, it will further add to the pages of his ever-growing dossier on Australia's future opponents.

Australia will meet Mexico in Sydney on 24 August and Melbourne on 26 August. Note the Melbourne date has been changed.

When he returned from his vacation in Europe last week, he made no secret of the fact that he was very impressed with the performance of Kuwait in the finals of the Olympic Games football tournament.

"They looked a very good team indeed," Gutendorf said. "I was also impressed by the performance of Iraq and they, too, are a very well drilled outfit."

"Neither Iraq nor South Korea are as good as Kuwait or Iraq at the moment."

"Of course, there are many South Koreans playing in Germany and their national team is depleted."

"Whether or not these players will be released to play for South Korea in the World Cup remains to be seen."

Gutendorf watched the Olympic Games soccer on television in Germany — they had a comprehensive coverage of it there.

He said he was surprised when he saw that the Czech team, which won the gold medal, featured many players

who played against Australia early this year.

These players also played in the European championships against the top professionals from Europe.

This, of course, makes them more professional than our boys.

Yet, Australia's Olympic Federation declared that, because some players had received a pittance, they were not qualified as amateurs to take part in the "Lilywhite" Olympics.

It seems to me that our Australian Olympic officials are living in "cuckoo land" if they



TOM ANDERSON

still believe the Olympics are purely amateur.

On his return to Sydney, Rudi also said he was pleased with the tours fixed up for the youth team at the end of the year.

"I think this tournament in Israel is a wonderful idea. It is just what we need."

"There will have to be a

great deal of hard work put in on our youth team to bring it up to the standard of the visiting teams in the World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup."

Rudi made it very clear he now intends to concentrate on welding his Socceroo team into a strong unit for the World Cup elimination games.

"I have the players I want and from now on, the changes in the line-up will be minimal," he said.

Gutendorf also said that he had received two concrete offers to coach in Europe but was not interested in them.

"At the present time, my only thoughts are on getting

the Socceroos to Spain," he said.

Later this week, it is understood that ASF president Sir Arthur George will have talks with Gutendorf regarding extending the ace German's contract.

This would be a sensible and worthwhile move and not only keep one of the world's best coaches here in Australia but give the code stability.

Since he has arrived here, Rudi Gutendorf has given soccer a touch of panache that has been missing since the game was first played on these shores 100 years ago.



Rudi Gutendorf — back and thirsting for action.

TV certain, PSL to be renamed

The name of the PSL will be changed next year and TV coverage has been finalised. The network involved will become public knowledge at the end of August.

So says Rik Booth, the chief executive of Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd.

"One of the names we are looking at is the Australian National Soccer League," said Booth.

"We have to get across the national aspect of the league but should the name Philips disappear it would not indicate any untoward change in the relationship between Philips and the ASF."

"We don't necessarily have to maintain the name Philips in the league title but we certainly would promote Philips through the league's logo," Booth said.

"At all times we would want to promote Philips and I look forward to our relationship growing stronger than ever."

If the name Philips disappears from

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

the official league title and the name national appears it will be interesting to see whether the huge Philips company reacts as adversely as it has done previously, on the grounds that the word national denotes the name of one of Philip's major competitors.

But as Booth pointed out, the Press already has abbreviated the league title into PSL, the suggestion being that Philips does not gain as much exposure under the abbreviation.

"We may decide to call the league the Philips National Soccer League," Booth added, "as long as the national aspect gets across."

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• His face and hands covered in blood, South Melbourne Hellas midfielder Billy Rogers is helped to a car which rushed him from Middle Park to hospital on Sunday. By his side is his worried wife, Julie. Rogers scored a courageous goal with a diving header and was knocked unconscious as he crashed to the ground, his shoulder hitting the turf and his face the boot of a Brisbane City player. It was feared Rogers's nose was broken, but it was only a deep cut which was stitched up at hospital. The game was drawn 3-3. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.

FIRST FIJI, THEN ISRAEL

The Australian youth team has been entered in the Oceania Youth Tournament in December as part of its preparation for the world championships here next year.

The Oceania tournament will be played from 3 to 15 December in Suva, Fiji.

The winner will qualify to play against Israel and the team placed third in the South American elimination series for the right to play in the world youth championship finals in Australia.

If Australia wins the Oceania series, as is expected, the second-placed team will advance instead, as Australia qualifies automatically as host country.

And so the young Socceroos will have only a week at home in December, and they'll celebrate Christmas in Israel.

After returning from Suva they will have only a short rest before flying to the Israel Winter Youth Tournament which will be contested by eight nations, including Norway, Sweden, Israel and Finland.

The rest have not yet been announced.

The tournament will run from 26 December to 10 January.

Meanwhile, the ASF's youth development officer, Brian Emery, has made it clear that contrary to reports, England will compete in the world series next year.

Other countries that have qualified from Europe are Holland, Italy, Spain, Poland and Rumania.

Yet to qualify are two from central and north America, three from South America, two from Asia and two from Africa.

The Australian squad goes into camp in Sydney on 19 August and will play in the curtain-raiser to the Australia v Mexico international in Sydney on 24 August.

Another camp is planned for October and Brian Emery hopes for monthly camps next year, leading up to the world championships which run from 3 to 18 October.

The Tahiti federation has invited Australia to send the youth team for games against Tahiti's senior national team next June and there is also a suggestion that the young Australians take part in the 52-team "Hawaiian World Soccer Crown" tournament in Hawaii in March, but it all depends on cost.

A television network, to be named late this month, has been signed to cover the world championship series.

Elimination games will be played in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide in four groups of four teams each, and the opening ceremony will be in Melbourne.

Quarter-finals will be in Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney and Newcastle, semi-finals in Sydney and Melbourne, the play-off for third place in Melbourne and the final in Sydney. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

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Power to flops: it's illogical

I was disturbed to read a headline saying "Player power takes over" after Gerry Chaldi and West Adelaide parted company last week.

The headline referred to the group of players taking over the coaching duties from Chaldi.

I have high regard for West Adelaide and its achievements but the situation in which it finds itself is dangerous and illogical.

If the club succeeds with its "Player Power" there will be something desperately wrong. For a start, how can the club justify handing the power over to the players when these players have failed the club all season?

And if these players sud-

denly do start playing the way they are supposed to, it means they didn't want to play for their coach, nor for their club.

Players must perform firstly for their club, secondly for their own self-respect and then for their coach who represents the club.

Many West Adelaide players have failed on all counts. They are responsible for the mess in which the club finds itself, yet the club has handed them the power. It doesn't make sense.

There's no denying that the Phillips Cup semi-finals will be a marvellous spectacle, since the participants, Heidelberg, Marconi, Brisbane Lions and Adelaide City, are all big guns in Australian soccer.

We must once again applaud the achievements of the Lions. Their form has been tremendously consistent and they still have a slim chance of finishing in the top four, if not in first place.

They beat league leader Sydney City to qualify for the semis and they also beat City in the league 1-0. The reputation of mighty Heidelberg and Marconi speaks for itself, while Adelaide City has reached the finals for the third time in a row.

In 1978 it lost the final 1-2 to Brisbane City and last year it won the Cup 3-2 against St. George.

So the winner of the Adelaide City v. Heidelberg semi-final in Melbourne on 31 August could well go on and win the Cup.



Happier days: Gerry Chaldi makes his thank-you speech as 1978 Coach of the Year.

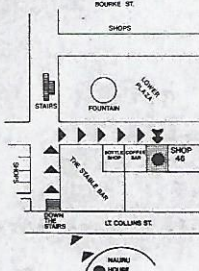


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Dennis BOLLAND (8.0) (Foota)

• The Phillips League all star eleven, according to Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year ratings before last week-end's round, (rating in brackets):



Vince BANNON (8.1) (Sth Melb)



Jim HERMISTON (8.2) (Brisb. L)



Col BENNETT (7.9) (Brisb L)



Jim TANSEY (7.8) (H'berg)



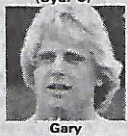
Joe WATSON (7.9) (Syd. C)



Jim CAMPBELL (7.83) (H'berg)



Murray BARNES (8.0) (Syd C)



Gary COLE (7.9) (H'berg)



Ken BODEN (7.7) (Syd C)



George CAMPBELL (7.63) (Sth Melb)

READERS' FORUM

SIR — Ref: Tom Anderson's comments in Wednesday 30 July.

I think Tom Anderson is missing the point in his comment that soccer would raise the white flag and admit defeat to Aussie Rules and Rugby League if it switched to a summer season.

I don't think soccer is in any way competitive to these two sports from either a participatory or spectator point of view. You can't get an Aussie Rules player to suddenly change to soccer. You can't get a Rugby League supporter to give up his favourite code which he played in school and suddenly start going to soccer matches.

Where they are competitive is in trying to get space in newspapers and on television and radio. No-one will ever change the dominance of either of these two sports in the media. As for Mr Packer and his cricket on the 9 network, he is only one station. There are three others.

I don't think the administrators are considering changing the playing season for PSL just because of Rugby League and VFL. From what I read there are lots of other reasons to consider such a move and I think they should all be looked at closely. I for one would enjoy going to soccer in the warmer months and not standing in the rain and wind. Let's allow the administrators to at least put together their ideas and plans before we start to condemn the concept.

After all, everybody said that Kerry Packer's night-time cricket would never work, yet it proved quite the opposite. The sport needs a bit of adventurous thinking and this could be the key to a whole new lease of life for the PSL.

— "SUPPORTER", Newtown, NSW.

SIR — Much has been said about the format of the PSL, whether it should remain as it is or scrapped altogether. My personal view is it is essential that the PSL survives if the game is to get anywhere. Problems do exist we know, but every sport has its problems.

The most important step in getting the game on the right track is TV coverage. There should have been 20 coverage this year. But what happened? Sponsorship we already have and thank goodness for that, otherwise the game would really be in a bad state. Ever since the PSL started, it has not been given enough media support, especially by the main newspapers and TV, while Aussie Rules football has a monopoly.

Aussie Rules and especially the VFL is showing discrimination against soccer in this country. Why don't they back off and let soccer progress? The VFL is becoming jealous of soccer because in the schools more students are playing soccer than Aussie Rules.

There is room in this country for both sports but judging by the VFL's attitude towards soccer it doesn't think so.

Back to the game itself. If Australian soccer is to improve clubs must be professional and the best coaches must be brought to this country. The present Australian national squad has done well and must be kept together after the PSL season finishes to prepare for the World Cup qualifying matches.

Everybody who loves the game must get behind the national team and give them encouragement instead of criticizing them whenever they play. Fans should also give more support to their teams. And finally more co-operation is needed between the PSL and State League teams.

There is too much bickering going on which isn't good for the clubs, and also they should be giving their total support to Rudi Gutendorf who is an excellent coach.

— JOHN BLACK, North Carlton, Vic

SIR — Re: Tom Anderson's article on supposed comment by myself, July 24 issue.

I do hope you will allow me the right of reply comment regarding Tom Anderson's article last week on international tour decisions.

I concur with the substance of his comment regarding responsibilities and Rudi Gutendorf's role but definitely not the facts he puts forward.

My discussions with the Sydney newspaper journalist were about the marketing of the code in this country. In the course of the conversation, he casually enquired if I knew whether now that Chile was cancelled, a substitute could be found.

My reply was, with only four weeks to go, I personally would doubt that there would be a possibility of finding a top international team that could come here on such short notice, more specifically, that I had not heard of any alternative teams.

Literally 24 hours later an offer was received by the ASF on Mexico, which was going on an Asian tour — an unexpected windfall.

Meanwhile, my journalist friend had quoted me in an article the morning after our meeting as claiming no tours would take place, and a complete break would occur until November in a manner that made it appear a policy statement from the ASF.

My comment has now been misquoted by both the Sydney journalist and Iom.

RIK BOOTH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
ASF Marketing Ltd.

SIR — How many youngsters are lost to soccer at the age of 17? We lose them because they find they have learnt very little and against senior opposition, they start to stumble and feel inferior.

We must give top coaches to take care of youngsters before they reach the age of 15 and soccer federations must find a way to reimburse such coaches for their time.

There must be a programme of coaching that keeps abreast of the latest developments from overseas and of the changing laws of the game. Ball skills and co-ordination of movement are required because we have players of enormous potential. We must be positive and look towards youth players much more than we do now if we are to achieve success in the future. Junior coaches must be dedicated to the game and their coaching knowledge must be complete.

Too many junior coaches do not know enough about soccer. All junior coaches should be qualified in some way before they are allowed to teach the boys.

— JOHN KALINCHEV,
coach of the Victorian

Papers snubbed Olympic soccer

The Olympic soccer tournament was almost completely ignored by the Australian media, including the Seven network which covered the Games live.

Soccer has a sizeable audience in Australia, yet the network paid it scant attention, while giving preference to much less popular sports like fencing, wrestling, rowing, high jumping, hammer throwing, even archery.

But at least television brought us a few minutes of the final.

The newspapers weren't as generous. "Soccer Action" checked six morning papers the day after the Olympic final — won by Czechoslovakia 1-0 against East Germany.

"The Age" devoted the most space — three paragraphs. The "Sydney Morning Herald" and "Sun News Pictorial", in its small print details, ran the result and standings of the final four teams: 1 Czechoslovakia, 2 East Germany, 3 USSR, 4 Yugoslavia.

"The Mercury" of Hobart had the final placings but not the result of the final.

Sydney's "Telegraph" and Adelaide's "Advertiser" had nothing at all.

'Not Italian' is the excuse

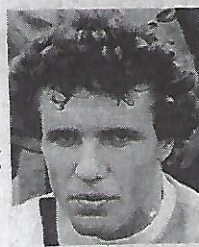
Ever wonder what happened to Ian Hunter's trip to Italy?

Promoters of AC Milan's Australian tour early this year announced they would send the best player of the national youth titles in Canberra to Italy to train with Milan.

This prize was announced as the "Gianni Rivera Award", named after Milan's legendary international star.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf named NSW's Ian Hunter (pictured) as the best player of the national championships and the papers announced it was Hunter who would be going to Italy.

Coca-Cola, sponsor of the youth titles, protested against the award at the time, claiming the Milan promoters were trying to muscle in on Coke's bandwagon to steal a bit of cheap publicity.



That angered the promoters, but it seems Coke was perfectly right.

For it was revealed this week that the ASF received a letter from the promoters, setting out the CONDITIONS of the Gianni Rivera award.

The main condition was that the winner had to be able to speak Italian and preferably be of Italian parentage.

That letter arrived AFTER it had been announced that Hunter — who has no links with Italy — was the winner.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.



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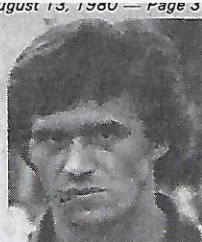
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Abonyi has Eagles on verge of the big time



Coach Attila Abonyi

Melita Eagles would give the Philips League the support of the Maltese community, an additional ground for night games, and Attila Abonyi.

Abonyi still holds the record of most goals for the national team — 36 in all, 25 of them in full internationals.

The former Melbourne Hungaria, St George and Sydney Croatia star has coached the Eagles to the top of the NSW State League. The Eagles now are waging an epic battle with Sydney Olympic for the championship and promotion to the PSL.

The Eagles have been sharing Garside Park with Parramatta City but in the meantime they have finished building a \$125,000 amenities block at Everley Park, South Granville, and the pitch will be upgraded in good time for next season.

The ground has five sets of floodlights, making it suitable for night matches and the club has a 20-year lease.

Melita Eagles would draw Maltese support at away matches — especially in Melbourne from among the fans of George Cross and Green Gully Ajax.

The average gate this year has been about 1800 paying customers, or a total of between 2000 and 2200.

Melita president Emmanuel Said is confident that PSL status would boost the club's home support to between 3000 and 3500.

The club finished with a profit last season and has a financial base that is the envy of all.

For a start, Melita is owned by the Phoenician Club at 630 George Street, Sydney. It has 2800 members and associates and it subsidised the Eagles with \$20,000 this year. In addition, the club's auditorium is made

CONTINUING OUR SERIES ON CANDIDATES FOR THE 1981 PHILIPS LEAGUE

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Former Maltese youth international Ray Farrugia — he and fellow midfielder John Stoddart are the Eagles' inspiration.

available to the Eagles for fund-raising functions free of charge once every four weeks.

Melita's major sponsor, Associated Midland finance company gave the club \$10,000 this year and the Supporters' Association (which, incidentally, hired seven buses to accompany the team to Canberra recently) will hand over \$8000 at the end of the season. Last year it provided \$6000.

On top of all that is added the money Melita raises from other social functions. Its Miss Melita quest, for example, will raise \$6000.

And if Melita gets into the PSL, it will discuss increased sponsorship with Associated Midland.

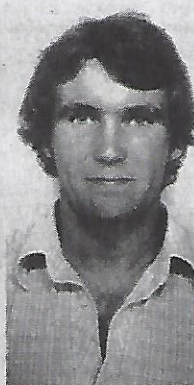
The quality of the Eagles team is unquestioned and most of the credit belongs to Abonyi who did some shrewd buying.

Emmanuel Said believes the club would have to spend no more than \$40,000 to "top up" the team for PSL competition.

The usual team, in 4-2 formation, is:

TERRY GREEDY — from Bankstown-

PHIL MIKAS — fourth year with Melita-



Brian Parker

played for Canberra City and St George;

RAY FARRUGIA — former Maltese youth international from Floriana, joined two years ago. Like McDonald, he played for NSW against Victoria this year;

TERRY JONES — joined four years ago from Auburn-

DON ALLEN — bought from Sydney Olympic last year and top scorer so far this season with nine goals;

RICHE WILLIAMS — bought from Marconi this year.

Reserves are Wayne Parker, a midfielders, and Jack Cabon, a stopper, both promoted from the juniors and Vic Juchniewicz who came from Auburn this year.

Emmanuel Said describes Farrugia and Stoddart as the inspiration of the team and believes goalkeeper Greedy, 23, probably is the best in the State League, and as good as any goalkeeper in the PSL.

Berry has been excellent since joining from Marconi and Darville and McDonald from an awesome centre-back partnership that has conceded only 11 goals this season.

Yet Melita has not yet managed to beat Olympic. It lost their Ampol Cup semi-final 2-4 and was beaten 2-0 in their first-round league match. The next meeting between the two is in the middle of September and it could well decide which of them wins the championship.

Melita also has strong juniors — under 14s, 15 and 16s. The under 16s have reached the league semi-finals.

"Our aim is to foster soccer in the Granville area," says Emmanuel Said. "It is envisaged that eventually we will adopt a district name, probably Western Eagles. Melita is the old name of Malta and literally translated, I believe it means honey."

Other leading club administrators are secretary Andrew Robertson, vice-president Victor Buttigieg, team manager George Borg and treasurer Peter Debono.

Melita Eagles were born in 1955 when Melita Soccer Football Club and Malta Eagles amalgamated, and were promoted to the State League in 1964, under the guidance of the brilliant Austrian, Karl Jaros. Another star of that year was Maltese international Joe Cilia.

However, the Eagles dropped back into Second Division in 1970 and it was not until the end of the 1977 season that they won promotion back to top company, thanks to the expert guidance of coach Raul Balno, now with St. George.



Melita's Steve McDonald (left), playing for NSW, tangles with striker Jamie Paton of Victoria.

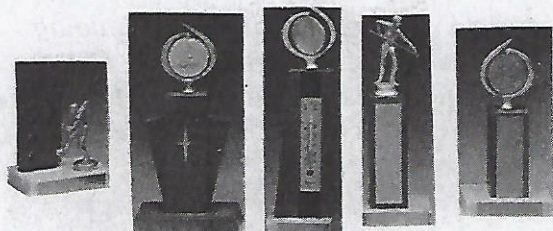
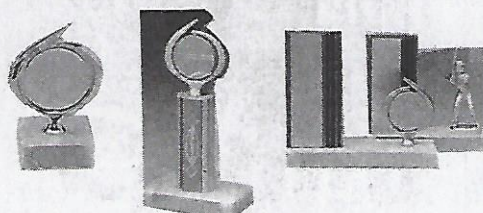
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Melita Eagles' 1960 line-up.

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* HEIDELBERG	8	1	1	31	11	3	3	3	10	12	44:23	26
MARCONI	7	3	1	28	10	4	1	4	13	14	41:24	26
STH MELBOURNE	6	3	1	20	9	5	0	5	12	10	29:19	25
Adelaide City	6	3	1	18	6	4	0	6	16	16	34:22	23
*Brisbane Lions	4	3	2	10	7	2	6	2	14	14	24:21	21
Newcastle KB Utd	5	3	3	9	10	3	2	4	10	13	19:23	21
Footscray JUST	5	1	4	17	16	1	6	3	10	15	27:31	19
Canberra City	3	2	5	13	14	4	2	4	16	9	29:24	18
Brisbane City	4	2	3	14	7	0	6	5	10	20	24:27	16
APIA-L'hardy	5	2	2	11	11	2	0	9	10	19	21:30	16
Blacktown City	5	1	3	19	13	1	1	9	7	36	26:48	14
West Adelaide	5	2	3	10	12	0	0	10	7	27	17:39	12
St. George BSC	2	2	6	12	24	2	2	6	12	25	24:49	12

* Match in hand — to be played today (Wednesday)

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

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(H'berg) (Marconi) (H'berg) (Brisb L)

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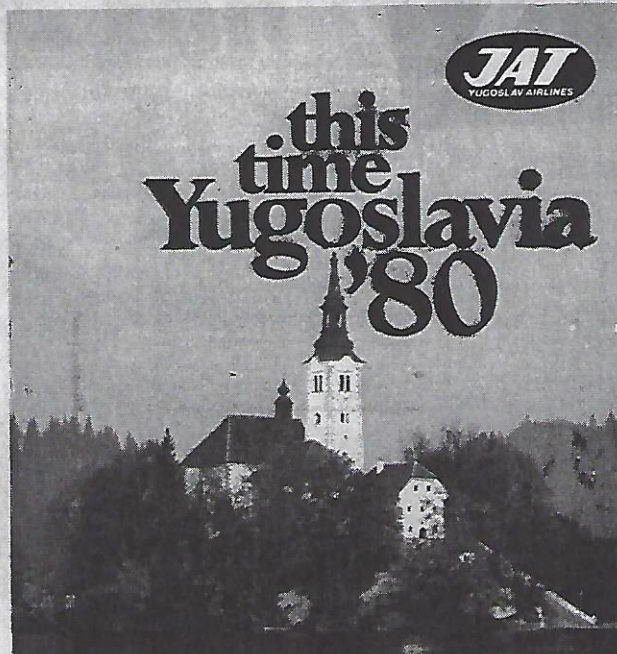
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

West Adelaide 0 APIA 4 at Hindmarsh. Player ratings by Mene Toutsidis.

West Adelaide: Crook 9 - Tymczyszyn 7, Forde 7, Honeyman 7, Pantazaras 7 (Doorne) - Carruthers 7, Topolanski 7, Bozanic 7 - Manecias 8, Kosmina 7, McGregor 8.

APIA: Woodhouse 6, McGinn 7, Wilson 3, Pullen 7, Dempsey 7 (Skellern), McAusland 8, Coyne 8, Butler 7 - Pirie 7, O'Connor 9, Morsello 8.

Brisbane Lions 0 St George BSC 0 at Richlands. Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

Lions - Scanlan 7, Ontong 9, Bennett 8, Hermiston 9, Niven 8, Hogg 8, Lindsay 6, McNaughton 5 (Wright 64th), Millman 7, Hughes 6, Verweij 5 (Ogden 64th).

St George - Fraser 7, McIntosh 7, Skeen 7, Scherlegger 8, Hadley 7, Russell 7, Katholos 6, Stone 7, Kay 8, Duets 5, (Cotton 73rd), Campbell 6.

Marconi 2 Adelaide City 0 at Marconi Stadium. Ratings by Roger Sherack.

Marconi: Maher 7, Brogan 6, Henderson 9, Prskalo 8, Byrne 8, Cant 7, Raskopoulos 6 (Lindsay 69th), Mariani 7 (Muir 45th - 6), Sharne 7, Jankovics 7, Krncovic 7.

Adelaide City: Marshall 7, Dodds 7, Jones 8, Russell 7, B. Nyskohus 7, Perin 8, Muniz 8, J. Nyskohus 7, Motta 6, (Marconi 86th), Mitchell 6, (Northcote 45th 7), Barnes 7.

S. Melbourne 3 Brisbane City 3 at Middle Park Player ratings by L. Schwab.

South Melbourne: Laumets 5 - V. Bannan 8, Xanthopoulos 5, Blair 5, Lutton 5 - Rogers (injured sub Wright 5, 30th), Christopoulos 6, Campbell 8 - Cummings 8, Evans 8, Buljevic 6.

Brisbane City: Wishart 7 - Caldwell 7, Perry 8, Ratcliffe 8, Wilkinson 5 - Hamilton 8, (inj sub Low 84th), Porter 7, Pimblett 7 - Palinkas 5, Kelso 6, Connor 8.

Heidelberg 0 2 Canberra City 0 at Olympic Park. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

Heidelberg: Oliver 6 - McMillan 9, Yzendoorn 8, P. Bannan 9, Tansey 8 - Solemidia 5, Campbell 9, Taylor 5 - Williams 5 (Bozilkas 61st), Paton 7, Cole 7.

Canberra: Wilson 7 - Moulis 6, Milovanovic 8, Stark 7, Williams 6 - Cole 8, J. O'Shea 8, Giampaolo 5 - McLaren 5 (Brennan 65th), Byrne 7, Valeri 5.

Sydney City 3 Blacktown City 0 at ES Marks Field. Ratings by Tom Anderson.

Sydney City: Clarke 8, Mullen 8, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7, Stevenson 8, Barnes 8, Boden 9, Silva 6 (sub Watson 61st min), Spanos 7, Souness 7, Trenter 6 (sub Smith 70th).

Blacktown: James 8, Harris 8, Turnbull 7, Selva 7, Pointner 6, O'Donnell 6, Ortega 6 (sub Rasmussen 61 min), Wilkinson 6, Izzet 6, Pollard 7 (sub Fisher 74 min), D. Campbell 6.

Marconi 2 Sydney City 0 at Bossley Park. Ratings by Tom Anderson.

Marconi: Maher 8, Brogan 8, Cant 8, Henderson 9, Prskalo 8, Byrne 8, Raskopoulos 8, Mariani 8, Sharne 5, Krncovic 8, Jankovics 8.

Sydney City: Clarke 8, Mullen 8 (Sub Souness 74) Thomson 8, (Spanos 86th), O'Connor 8, Bruce 8, Stevenson 8, Barnes 8, Watson 8, Silva 6, Trenter 8, Boden 8.

Newcastle KB 0 Footscray JUST 0 at International Sports Centre. Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

Newcastle KB United: Dando 7, Reaney 8, Curran 8, Sneddon 7, Drinkwater 7, Sankalaki 9, Bertogno 7, Mason 7 (Tredinnick 74th) Hays 7, Burrows 8, Jones 6.

Footscray: Boland 7, Hazabent 7, Milne 8, Kondarios 8, O'Reilly 9, Jovanovic 7, Iloiski 7, Kyriakoulou 6, Vasic 7, Belic 6, Lulic 7.

Leading ratings:

8.3 Hermiston (BL)
8.1 V. Bannan (SM)
8.0 Boland (Foots), Reaney (Newc), Barnes (SC).

7.9 Perry (BC), Bennett (BL), Milovanovic (Can), J. Campbell, Rooney (H'berg), Watson (SC).

7.8 Ratcliffe (BC), Ontong, Hogg (BL), Tansey, G. Cole (H'berg), Boden (SC), Crook (WA).

7.7 Jones (AC), P. O'Connor (APIA), Kondarios (Foots), McMillan (H'berg), Maher (Marc), Davidson, G. Campbell (SM), Mullen (SC).

7.6 Porter (BC), D. Cole (Can), Yzendoorn (H'berg), Xanthopoulos, Lutton (SM), S. O'Connor, Stevenson (SC).

7.5 Muniz, Dodds (AC), P. Wilson (APIA), Wishart (BC), Millman (BL), P. Bannan (H'berg), Sharne (Marc), Drinkwater (Newc).

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Progressive list:
 19. Cole (H'berg)
 12. Jankovics (Marc)
 17. J. Wysskus (AC)
 10. Buljovic (SM), Barnes (SC), P. O'Connor (APIA), Krncovic (Marc)
 9. Boden (SC), Paton (H'berg)
 8. Duarte (St G), Kelso (BC), Stevenson (SC)
 7. Millman (BL), Giampaolo (Can), Vasic (Foots), Shorne (Marc)
 6. T. Byrne (Can), G. Campbell (SM)
 5. Wilkinson (Black), J. Campbell (H'berg)
 4. Hunter, O'Donnell (Black), G. Byrne (Marc), Kosmina (WA), Trotter (SC), Evans (SM)
 3. Mitchell (AC), Samuels (APIA), McGregor (BL), J. O'Shea (Can), Picloane, Lujic, Olferton (Foots), Rooney, Bozika (H'berg), Jones (Newc), Christopoulos, Rogers (SM), E. Campbell (St G), Smith (SC), Honeyman, Manecass (WA).

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 7.4 Woodhouse (APIA)
 7.3 Giampaolo (Can), Bergona (Newc)
 7.2 Malta (AC), Christopoulos (SM), Spanos (SC)
 7.1 Hunter (Black), Moulis (Can), Selemidis (H'berg), Raskopoulos (Marc), Tredinnick (Newc).

BEST UNDER 21 PLAYER AWARD

A return trip to Surfers Paradise for two by courtesy of Soccer Action in conjunction with T.A.A. will go to the best Under 21 player according to Soccer Action Ratings.

Semis changed, Canberra gets TV final

The final of the Philips League top four series will be played at Bruce Stadium in Canberra irrespective of which two teams qualify.

The match will be televised live, probably nation-wide, so followers of the finalists will be able to see the game even if they are unable to travel to Canberra.

Meanwhile, the Philips Cup semi-finals have been rescheduled from 31 August to Wednesday 10 September, at 7.30 pm.

The semi-finals are Marconi v Brisbane Lions at Marconi Stadium and Heidelberg v Adelaide City at Olympic Park.

The semi-finals were rescheduled to enable the balance of championship round 22, postponed because of the Socceros' games against Mexico, to be played on 30 and 31 August.

One game from round 22 — between Newcastle and St. George — will be played on Saturday 23 August in Newcastle as neither side loses enough players to the national team to justify a postponement.

Heidelberg plays Adelaide City at Olympic Park on Saturday 30 August and the rest of round 22 will be on Sunday 31 August.

The games are: South Melbourne v Footscray, West Adelaide v Canberra, Sydney City v Brisbane City, Blacktown v APIA and Brisbane Lions v Marconi.



Jim Campbell, congratulated by Jamie Paton (left) and Gary Cole, salutes the crowd after scoring against Canberra.



Vince Bannon (right) launches the shot that gave Hellas a 2-1 lead over Brisbane City. The game ended 3-3.

Soccer back at Western Oval

Footscray J.U.S.T. returns to the Western Oval on Sunday for its match against Heidelberg United.

The oval is in Barkly Street, Footscray and the game starts at 3pm.

Footscray VFL club plays its last home match of the 1980 season at the oval on Saturday. Although the VFL maintains a policy opposed to sharing grounds with soccer, it is willing to allow this match because this season is almost over and because of pressure from Footscray Council and the public.

J.U.S.T. may also play some matches there next month. The council still regrets that the VFL forced J.U.S.T. off the oval early this season and wants to see J.U.S.T. recoup some of the financial losses it incurred as a result.

Heidelberg will return to the top of the ladder if it beats Brisbane Lions in Brisbane today (Wednesday) and follows up with a victory over J.U.S.T., and if Sydney City loses to APIA on Sunday. — LAURIE SCHWAB



Jamie Paton (right) squeezes Heidelberg's second goal between Canberra's Roy Stark (left) and Mike Milovanovic.

Get out of the way: it's Kiri v. Cole!

J.U.S.T. can play an important role in deciding the 1980 PSL championship when it clashes with Heidelberg at Western Oval this Sunday.

Rocco Iile's team gets the chance to gauge the class difference between it and all-conquering Heidelberg but it could be a case of how far because the days are long gone when a clash between these two clubs would have the pundits and spectators alike arguing about the outcome.

There can be no such argument now as Heidelberg's squad stands tall alongside J.U.S.T. in every department skill, both individually and as a team, method and depth.

J.U.S.T.'s shortage depth and quality is proven by its reliance upon Zdravko Lujic to create openings up front with occasional forward forays from midfielders Joe Picloane and Slobodan Jovanovic, both of whom are unsettled at J.U.S.T.

Heidelberg abounds in players capable of finding space up front before sinking the hopes of opposing teams.

Gary Cole, Jamie Paton, Andy Bozika, Jim Campbell and Theo Selemidis are all

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

capable of getting goals and regularly turn opposing defences inside out.

If J.U.S.T.'s Kiri Kyriakoulas and Cole run into each other God help the Western Oval curator when he has to repair what could well represent a bomb blast trench resulting from these two powerful players clashing.

APIA's Terry Butler still has nightmares about Kyriakoulas who plays as if he trains on raw meat but Cole can hit just as hard, just ask a tall strong central defender who made the mistake of representing Czechoslovakia against Australia at Olympic Park earlier this year and had the misfortune of getting in Cole's way in the second half.

Reports filtering back from Czechoslovakia suggest that the defender is not so tall or strong now and is considering taking up a non-contact sport like pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey.

So J.U.S.T. can expect little joy from this Sunday's venture and Heidelberg should continue its struggle to draw level with league pacesetter Sydney City.

Canberra faces up to Melbourne's might for the third consecutive time and Hellas should take both points at Bruce Stadium.

Campbell and Branko Buljevic, could spell doom for Canberra.

Marconi and Sydney City should have little trouble in maintaining their title aspirations against their respective opponents in fellow Sydneyiders St. George and APIA.

St. George can bring in a million advisors to help coach Raul Blanco but perhaps the club committee should heed advice about the lack of quality of its playing staff and Marconi could drive home such a point this Sunday.

The weekend's games with likely winners and previous results:

IN MELBOURNE
 Footscray J.U.S.T. v HEIDELBERG at Western Oval, Sunday, 3 pm Previous results: 1977 Heidelberg 3-1, 3-0, 1978 - J.U.S.T. 1-0, Heidelberg 2-1, 1979 - 2-2, Heidelberg 2-1, 1980 - Heidelberg 3-2, Advantage Heidelberg 5 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss. Goals: 14-8.

IN CANBERRA
 Canberra v HELLAS at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 Hellas 2-0, 1-1, 1978 - Hellas 3-0, 0-0, 1979 - Canb 3-2, 1-1, 1980 - Hellas 1-0, Advantage Hellas 3 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 10-5.

IN SYDNEY
 APIA Leichhardt v SYDNEY CITY at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm Previous results: 1979 - APIA 3-2, SC 3-0, 1980 - SC 4-2.
 Blacktown v BRISBANE LIONS at Gable Stadium, Sunday 3 pm. Previous result: BL 1-0.



APIA striker Bill Pirie — faces the might of Sydney City's defence on Sunday.

St. George v MARCONI at Barton Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - BC 1-0, 3-3, 1978 - WA 2-0, 1-0, 1979 - WA 2-1, BC 2-0, 1980 - WA 1-0, Advantage West Adelaide 4 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses. Goals: 9-7.

IN ADELAIDE
 ADELAIDE CITY v Newcastle at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.45 pm. Previous results: 1978 - Newc. 2-1, 1-1, 1979 - 0-0, 0-0, 1980 - Newc 3-1, Advantage Newcastle 2 wins, 3 draws.

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Heady Eddie, 'Hendo' and 'I'm ready for Mexico'...and title?

MARCONI 2 SYDNEY CITY 0

Scorers: Mark Janjovics 20th, Eddie Krncevic 91.
Ground: Bosley Park. Conditions: Perfect.
Crowd: 5,218.
Cautions: Sydney City: Boden, Thomson, Mullen, Stevenson. Marconi: Sharne, Prskalo.
Referee: Don Campbell 9.

This was without doubt the finest match seen in Sydney this season.

It had all the ingredients required - goals, speed, skill, toughness, effort and pressure befitting two teams chasing a major championship.

Unfortunately there had to be a loser and that loser on the night was competition leader Sydney City.

Marconi proved to be real champions in this clash and like real champions they are determined not to let their title slip from their grasp without a real fight.

In this important game that has thrown the 1980 PSL championship wide open, Marconi were magnificent and in the end, deserved their win.

There were complaints from the City camp afterwards that they had played the better football and although Marconi won they were not the better team.

I cannot go along with this - goals are what football is all about. Marconi scored the goals and won the match.

Certainly City's build up from midfield was more intricate and looked better, but they had not the cut and thrust and finishing power of the Fairfielders.

By TOM ANDERSON

Eddie Krncevic and Mark Janjovics and Peter Sharne are without doubt the most talented striking combination in Australian football and can cut any defence apart.

They did exactly this to City. These three terrors are near their peak in form, which augurs well for the coming two-match series against Mexico.

Janjovics grabbed Marconi's first goal in the 20th minute with a great header from close in.

Peter Sharne made all the running on the right and his cross was met solidly by the flying Janjovics and a valiant effort by City goalkeeper Todd Clarke failed to stop it.

The Fairfielders' other goal came a minute into injury time at the end of the game and was a brilliant individual effort by Eddie Krncevic.

With City all forward and exposed at the back, Krncevic reposed the ball and with odd Clarke advancing, expertly lobbed into the net via the crossbar.

This was Heady Eddie at his very best. But despite the brilliance of their three young strikers, the key men in this Marconi win were undoubtedly the two central defenders, Tony Henderson and Ivo Prskalo.

Henderson in particular had a magnificent game as stopper and completely bottled City's dangerous Mark Trenter.

Trenter, one of the hardest men in the game, had no answer to

Henderson in the air or on the ground.

This match showed why blonde bombshell Henderson will be the Soccerro captain when Jimmy Rooney calls it a day.

There were six cautions in this game, which showed it was a battle royal.

However, although it was physically hard, it was not dirty and there were no vicious fouls.

Referee Don Campbell handled the game in a sensible manner and was definitely not a "show pony".

He did not try to grab any of the limelight for himself.

He allowed play to flow freely and handled many difficult situations in an expert fashion.

After the game Marconi coach Les Scheinflug was elated, and rightly so.

Scheinflug has come in for a "bit of stick" in recent weeks and has had to bear quite a bit of unwarranted criticism.

However Scheinflug had the last laugh in this one.

"This was the one we really wanted to win and I think we have proved tonight that it is not lost yet," he said.

City Coach Eddie Thomson was a disappointed man and declared that the better team had been beaten.

"We played better and put it together better than they did," Thomson said.

I cannot agree with Thomson on this aspect.

At times City may have been "looked" better but when it came to scoring goals they were definitely not the better team.

And if you don't believe me, have another look at the result.

Tom Anderson

Meno Toutsidis

Bruce Waddell

Laurie Schwab

Joe Lanzoni

Roger Sherack

Brilliant Boden!

SYDNEY CITY 3 BLACKTOWN 0

Scorers: Stevenson 32nd min, 49th min, Barnes 83rd min.
Ground: ES Marks Field. Conditions: Perfect. Weather: Great.
Crowd: 2580.

Cautions: Blacktown: O'Donnell, Izatt, Turnbull. City: Watson.
Referee: Jim Reeves 8.

Injury riddled Blacktown lost a new be prime candidates, along with West Adelaide, for relegation.

The Blacktowners were out of their class against a Slickers outfit that won looking round.

I'm sure if Blacktown coach Mick Jones were able to find his strongest team, they might have a more than even chance of escaping relegation.

But at the moment, this is just not on and they are struggling badly.

The Blacktowners have plenty of enthusiasm but lack skill and ideas.

Apart from the industrious Stuart Selva, their midfield combination lacks ideas and there is nobody with guile or enough skill to create openings.

City won this one in a canter and it was needed as they had failed in their previous three outings.

Not that the Slickers pulled the house down with a rip-roaring performance - they didn't.

But they did enough to win and win comfortably.

Once again elegant Soccerro Ken Boden was the star of the proceedings.

Boden's skills stand out like a sore thumb and what a brilliant performer he is!

In this match he had a hand in all three goals and also got a penalty kick, which was missed by John Stevenson.

Boden took a great deal of stick in this game and was on the receiving end of a few heavy tackles.

Little John Stevenson was the man on the spot and his two goals were well taken efforts.

He did of course blow his hat-trick when he missed a penalty in the 54th minute after Boden had been unceremoniously chopped by Warren Turnbull in the area.

Stevenson opened the scoring for the Slickers in the 32nd minute when he crashed a great left-foot shot home from 18 metres which went in off a defender.

O'Donnell fouled the brilliant Boden on the right and Hilton Silva's free kick was only partially cleared by the Blacktown defence.

It came out to Stevenson who hit first-time on the volley into the net.

Stevenson was on the job again in the 49th minute when he had the easy job of side footing the ball into the net from 5 metres.

Boden carved through the Blacktown defence on the left like a knife going through butter and then flung the ball across to the far post to find Stevenson.

The Slickers' third goal came in the 83rd minute and was a brilliant solo effort by Murray Barnes who waltzed through the Blacktown defence and round goalkeeper Bruce James before slipping the ball into the empty net.

"It has been a hard week and I am quite pleased with the result," Thomson said afterwards.

Blacktown coach Mick Jones said: "We have so many key players injured it's not true," he said.

Closer to big drop

WEST ADELAIDE 0 APIA-LEICHHARDT 4

Scorers: O'Connor 26 & 85th minutes, Pirie pen, 12th, Morsello 83.
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 3,300.

Weather: Warm.
Referee: Tim Davies 8.

West Adelaide suffered a cruel fate at the hands of fellow relegation candidates APIA-Leichhardt at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Despite the 4-0 scoreline, this was a match West Adelaide should have drawn at worst.

After trailing 2-0 with 26 minutes, West swarmed all over Leichhardt and had four shots cleared off the line in a 20-minute period.

And just to underline West's atrocious luck, Vic Bozanic hit an unstoppable shot against the foot of the post.

During this time, Leichhardt goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse looked uncertain and clumsy.

On the other hand, West keeper Martyn Crook was magnificent. Woodhouse would be the first to admit that.

He was in the sort of form which should make him Rudi Gutendorf's first choice goalkeeper.

Crook made many memorable saves but his bet was surely in the 55th minute when Phil O'Connor ran through the vacant defence and rounded Crook who in a final desperate bid matched the ball from O'Connor's feet as he prepared to score.

With a new appointment yet to be made, a five-man player panel was given control of the team.

The panel - McGregor, Crook, Hecymann, Kosmina and Bozanic - brought in Peter Tymczyszyn and Nick Pantaras in the key full back positions, while Hecymann switched himself from mid-field to defence.

The new formation was moving along smoothly, although Leichhardt had the edge, until Tim Davies pointed to the penalty spot in the 19th minute for a handball by Tymczyszyn.

It seemed a harsh decision as Tymczyszyn was the victim of a vicious spinning ball which touched him on the hand. Clearly there was no intent to handle.

Bill Pirie took the spotkick and made no mistake.

Seven minutes later O'Connor scored the goal of the match when he abandoned his left wing position to cut into the heart of the defence and head a cross from Col McAlasland past Crook.

West then moved into overtime.

In the 26th minute Kosmina had a header cleared the line by John Coyne and seven minutes later Kosmina and Manecas both had headers cleared within seconds.

Bozanic underlined West's frustrations when he unleashed a 25-metre cannonball drive which bounced off the far post.

West continued with its aggressive style in the second half but just could not punch that vital hole in Leichhardt's defence.

Then Tony Morsello, a fine player all day, made it 3-0 in the 83rd minute with a good header.

And two minutes later O'Connor added the fourth with yet another header.

West must now get it together for its visit to Brisbane City which could well represent its final chance to stave off relegation.

Wright only bright spot

BRISBANE LIONS 0 ST GEORGE 0

Ground: Lions Stadium. Weather: Fine.
Crowd: 2400.
Referee: D. Nugent 9.

In what surely would be the worst match Lions supporters have seen at this stadium this season, the home side's top four boys faltered with a terrible scoreless draw against the struggling St George.

The point may have been extremely beneficial to the Saints' hopes of avoiding relegation, but if this is the way they continue to go about the job, one wonders how many people they will drive away before the season is finished.

St George played with their defenders, Dave Skeen, Arno Scharfegger and Dave McIntosh totally committed to thumping every ball out of the box.

John Russell lay deep in the midfield to assist the defensive players and the combine of Raul Blanco and Frank Arok on the bench obviously tried for something in the breakaways for the lone duo in front, Ernie Campbell and Paul Kay.

Those two astute men would be kidding themselves if they were to claim that their tactics paid dividends and were responsible for the point.

The simple fact is that Lions up front just did not have the class to take advantage of a very poor side and they cannot beat bottom teams struggling the way St George is, they cannot really expect to win a place in the top four.

Barnes remained the Burgess' stoutest, most resolute defender. If there were tackles that prevent goals, it was Barnes who made them, and no-one beat him in the air.

John O'Shea dominated the midfield early in the game and Terry Byrne was always a threat to Heidelberg near goal, while Mike Milovanovic was and remained the dominant player in Canberra's defence.

Milovanovic prevented Gary Cole from scoring but could do nothing to stop the great pass Cole released to Campbell who ran on it and poked it past goalkeeper Richard Wilson from just inside the penalty area for the first goal in the 24th minute.

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And just after Bozakis had come on, Moulis shot over the bar from inside the goal area as he first-timed a defensive header from Jim Tansey.

Then Brown made a change, bringing on Tony Brennan for McLaren in the 65th minute. With his first kick of the match, Brennan underlined Canberra's dominance by shooting against the crossbar.

Heidelberg wrapped it up in the 70th minute. Taylor showed the crowd his cunning over a cross aimed at Cole at the far post. Milovanovic, at Cole's heels, struck out his foot and prevented the striker from getting at the ball.

Unfortunately for Milovanovic, though, Jamie Paton was lurking as he always does, and put the ball away at close range.

Early in the second half, St George had their hopes raised for a couple of fleeting moments but they were quickly dashed, first by Hermiston clearing a menace from the box from Campbell and then Scanlan diving to his right to deflect a solid drive from Peter Katholos.

Campbell all energy

HEIDELBERG UTD 2 CANBERRA C. 0

Scorers: Campbell 24th, Paton 70th.
Ground: Olympic Park. Crowd: About 2500.
Cautions: Brennan (Can).
Referee: Tony Beazleigh (Vic.) 5.

Jim Campbell came back with a vengeance and Canberra must still be cursing his recovery.

Campbell had been unable to play in Heidelberg's 2-0 Cup victory in Canberra the previous weekend. Canberra coach John Brown thought he had Heidelberg worked out after that game, and judging from their early dominance, his players believed they could turn the tables on the visitors.

But they hadn't figured on Campbell.

He was the only one of the three midfielders who displayed the necessary flair to start attacks and an appetite for the ball.

His midfield colleagues Ken Taylor and Theo Selamidis were nowhere near Campbell's high standard. Taylor was rarely in play and Selamidis did little except mark Sebastian Giampolo.

Arthur McMillan pushed up constantly to make Campbell's task a little easier, while still remaining effective as a defender.

But Canberra outplayed Heidelberg completely for the first 18 minutes, during which Pat Bannan, John Yeomond and Jim Tansey had to be at their very best to prevent the visitors from taking the lead.

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Defence crumbles

STH MELB. HELLAS 3 BRISBANE CITY 3

Scorers: SM: Rogers 22nd, Bannan 57th, Evans 90th; BC: Conner 57th & 80th, Kelo 83rd.
Ground: Middle Park. Crowd: About 4500.
Referee: Vanios 6.

South Melbourne Hellas escaped defeat by five seconds, snatching a lucky 3-3 draw after slack defensive play had twice cost them the lead against Brisbane City at Middle Park.

Hellas had territorial advantage throughout the game but failed to escape the clutches of Brisbane City's tight defenders David Ratcliffe, Kevin Caldwell and Steve Perry.

Duncan Cummings, the one forward who beat his opponent, was not consistent, consistently, was felled by bad luck in shooting for goal and by some fine saves by Kim Wishart.

Hellas took the lead in the 24th minute with the most courageous goal of the season. Billy Rogers scored the goal with a spectacular diving header and knocked himself out as he landed heavily on his face and upper body.

The match was held up for six minutes as Rogers, his face covered with blood, was carried off on a stretcher and rushed to hospital in a private coach.

It appeared that Rogers had a broken nose but as it turned out, he was only badly cut.

Without Rogers' strength and defensive ability in the field, Hellas lost some of its effectiveness.

Brisbane City equalised 12 minutes after half time.

Joe Palinkas sent over a corner, which was cleared by Rogers, clearing header fell to the feet of unmarked Conner and Conner rammed the ball high into the net.

Hellas reacted immediately with a dangerous header by Cummings but, with Wishart beaten, player-coach George Potter was there to clear off the line.

Kelo squandered a chance to put Brisbane City ahead when he shot too high after a mistake by Arthur Xanthopoulos had enabled him to break clear into the penalty area.

After that lucky let-off Hellas surged forward.

Evans slipped the ball wide to Vince Bannan and the full-back took the home team back into the lead from an angle.

But the lead lasted only two minutes.

Palinkas played another corner and the defence, challenged by Kelo and Radcliffe, could only repel the ball short to unmarked Conner who lashed it low past Hellas's shaky goalkeeper Peter Laumen.

Hamilton stormed out of his defence with the ball, ran 25 metres, played it to Conner and ran on hoping for a return pass but Xanthopoulos stopped him with a tackle that injured Hamilton but also left Xanthopoulos sprawled on the ground unable to prevent Conner from relaying the ball to Kelo who ran into the penalty area and scored.

Kevin Low replaced Hamilton immediately after the goal.

Hellas looked doomed but with five seconds to go, referee Evan Vero awarded a free kick about five metres outside the penalty area.

George Campbell squeezed the shot through the defensive wall and Wishart could only block it.

Evans, following in, tapped in the equalising goal from two metres.

Senkalski sparkles

Newcastle KB 0 Footscray Just 0

Ground: International Sports Centre. Weather: Fine and sunny.
Cautions: Jovanovic (F), Curran (NO).
Crowd: 5526.

Referee: Tony Boskovic 8. Newcastle KB United squandered another point when it met Footscray at the International Sports Centre, a point that probably put paid to any chance KB had of making the final four.

Footscray had come to Newcastle determined to take a point, and aided by a mixture of good defence, poor finishing and a good slice of luck, managed to do just that.

Ironically, against Footscray, there were enough chances to win two games but the local boys failed to capitalise.

The start settled in as early as the ninth minute when John Seddon won a ball in the midfield, and served Joe Senkalski who in his own inimitable way beat two defenders before setting up Craig Mason who had come up on the left.

At that stage a goal looked a formality but Mason's shot was well off target.

Seven minutes later, from a good cross from the left by Col Curran, the ball eluded the defence and reached Bertogno on the far post. This time the shot was cleared off the line by Jim O'Reilly.

Curran, who had a magnificent game, in marshalling the Footscray defence, was again the hero five minutes later when he headed another shot off the line with Dennis Bond and hopelessly stranded on the edge of the penalty area. However, David Jones, the culprit on this occasion, should have made better use of the opportunity.

There was also a quick break by Lujic that could have had disastrous consequences for the home side.

The second half opened up in the same fashion and it was only eight minutes old when Senkalski latched on to a ball in the midfield, made ground and from 30 metres let go with a hammer drive.

Boland got a hand to it and deflected it onto the bar and then into safety.

It was a pity because if one player deserved to break the deadlock it was Senkalski. He looked a class above the rest and his combination with Reaney and Heys, especially in the first half, was a feature of the game.

Newcastle showed once again that they are a much better side when they are in front, which is probably how most sides are effected, and could possibly have watched a top game if any one of those chances in the first half had gone in.

However on the day, the KB side was a little flat, probably due to the fact that it was under the underdog and found itself in the position of having to take the game up to its opponents.

Of Footscray, what can one say? One always feels cheated when watching a side as talented as this one playing as negatively as Footscray did against KB.

This side has the flair and ability not only to win matches, but to excite the public with its skillful handling of the ball and I think these players are selling themselves short by only aiming at one point.

Own goal kills City

MARCONI 1 ADELAIDE CITY 2

Ground: Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 5800.
Ref: Chris Barnbridge. Cautions: Jones (29th), Krncevic (77th), Russell (78th).
Yellow cards: Dadds (18th), Byrne (65th), Prskalo (77th).

Marconi came home with a late surge to snatch two points from Adelaide City in an encounter which never got out of second gear. The win, the second within four days at Marconi, lifted the team to within three points of the leaders.

The result, however, was anything but convincing. Marconi laboured for most of the game and in the end the speed and tenacity that earned it two points against Sydney City only days ago.

Adelaide City went ahead in the 26th minute after a fine cross by Agencio Muniz. Colin Barnes was on the end of the cross to steer the ball against the post and finally David Jones was on hand to pick up the rebound and slam it home.

It was a well deserved goal that justly showed the difference between the two sides in the first half. Muniz controlled play in midfield and was ably assisted by John Nyskohus. It was the sheer skill of this fine player that had Marconi in all sorts of trouble.

John Perin was able to assist Nyskohus in Adelaide's back line and seldom allowed Marconi's forwards to find the shooting angle. The only time that Marconi looked like scoring in this half was soon after City grabbed the lead. Eddie Krncevic and Peter Marshall challenged for a high cross by Jim Cant. The ball came off Marshall's hands to the feet of Mark Janjovics who missed a great opportunity to score from close range. He swung at the ball but managed to miss it.

An uncharacteristic mistake by Ivo Prskalo led to an Adelaide City attack close to half time. John Nyskohus intercepted Prskalo's pass to Alan Maher and crossed to the far post for David Mitchell. Unattended, Mitchell misjudged his jump and consequently missed a great chance.

After the break it was a very tight contest that took the field. It was much more positive in its approach, continually taking the attack to City.

However, Marconi managed to create a couple of opportunities before scoring the equalising goal in the 52nd minute of the game remaining.

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1981 year of destruction if things do not change

The Philips league will begin to fold up midway through next season.

This devastating statement was made to me last week by a leading official of one of Sydney's Philips League clubs.

My source claimed that the league would not collapse dramatically, but insidiously as one team after the other is forced to pull out because of lack of money. The middle of next year will see the first club go," he said. "It could be one of many. The Brisbane clubs are in difficulty, and Canberra is heavily in the red. It will have to pay off that debt next year as well as meet its 1981 commitments. "My club spent \$200,000 between January and June of this year. "APIA has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in the two years it has been in the league and is finding it hard, and it is common knowledge that Marconi also has its financial problems. Profitability of the social clubs is much tighter now. "Where we paid a third-rate singer \$100 three years ago, it is now \$300 and rates for staff are from seven to \$10 an hour at a weekend. "All social club turnover is up, but profits are down. While I was getting over that broadside he also claimed that Newcastle had budgeted for a home gate of 8000 and was averaging only 4000. "And

look at the gates they are getting in Adelaide," he added. After a few questions from me, he admitted that most of his club's budget was used to pay players wages and to sign players. Of the \$200,000 spent in six months by his club, \$140,000 had gone to players. I do believe the game can afford the payments currently being made to players and coaches in the Philips League. Signing-on fees of \$15,000 for one season have now been established as a benchmark for top players, with match payments and winning bonuses of \$200-\$300 a week on top. Our gates just do not justify such expenditure. Sponsorship and social club offers are not limitless, and indeed as already stated, things are definitely tightening up there as inflation keeps pressing the economy. Full-time coaches on full-time salaries doing a part-time job are another luxury that could be looked at in some Philips League clubs. If it is true that clubs are as hard up as stated, and if it is possible for the Philips League to fold because of over-ex-



MIKE JOHNSON

penditure on playing and coaching staffs, then something most definitely needs to be threshed out between the clubs in the league to keep playing costs down. My confident said that clubs would never cooperate to keep down player expenses so long as relegation and promotion exist. I do not know about that, but what I do know is that when I was at West Adelaide I was on a part-time basis for a coaching fee of \$11,000. Subsequent coaches at West Adelaide employed on a full-time basis have had to be paid twice that amount, yet their effective time given to the game was no different to mine. Indeed, Gerry Chaldi, employed full-time at West Adelaide, got all of his,

success as a part-time coach at Sydney City. Currently I coach Woolongong United, three nights a week, and my players invariably give all of Sunday morning, afternoon and early evening to soccer. This is as much involvement as many Philips League players put in. My players get nothing if they lose and only \$15 if they draw, with a \$50 bonus for a win. The players are very happy to accept this. And we are a club that plays in front of between 1000 and 3000 spectators on a regular basis. On the other hand at least half of my players next year will try out for Woolongong City which will play in the Philips league. Their level of financial expectation will then rise by some 400 to 500% even though their standard of play or commitment of time and energy will hardly change. These matters must be discussed in a spirit of co-operation among our top clubs, along with the question of TV time, national team and other encroachment into the Philips League program and the general downgrading of the league which has occurred since its first year. It needs to be discussed as a matter of urgency. It would be soccer's greatest tragedy if the Philips League were to fold. The league, well promoted, well-administered, has got to be a viable proposition. It has improved our playing standard at least 15% since its inception in 1977. I cannot accept the statement that "Australia is not a soccer country." Perhaps it wasn't, but it is now, just as much as it is a League or rules country, perhaps even more so. Those who want to disband it Michael Weinstein and Sam Pappasavas for example or have it played in summer, as journalist Andrew Dettre advocates, or think it will fold next year, have to be proven wrong. I agree with Tom Anderson. Soccer in this country never really has been put before the public. It never has been presented larger than life by experts on our TV screens, nor been paraded in well-maintained stadiums, played by the cream of the nation's talent. A little of this is happening now. But, the best is yet to come. Don't let's settle for second-best before we have REALLY given it a go.

Clough no to Olympiakos

Brian Clough has rejected yet another offer from Greek club Olympiakos.

Olympiakos who have qualified for the European Cup also wanted Forest to play a pre-season friendly.

But again Clough had to refuse as presently they are touring America, then are scheduled to appear in a four club tournament in Holland.

Norwich boss John Bond has been scouting on the Continent and hopes to sign two Yugoslav internationals before the start of the season.

Derby County have splashed out 150,000 pounds for Middle-through defender Alan Ramage who plays cricket for Yorkshire.

Manchester City manager Malcolm Allison has decided to open up the dressing room to the Press in the new season ahead. Allison has said: "It's better than seeing sports-writers hustled around in corridors. If we have nothing to fear why not give them every facility?"

The 450,000 pound Sheffield United got from Leeds United for Argentinian star Alex Sabella will help reduce the Third Division club's debts reported to be one million pounds.

Trevor Francis, recovering from a severed Achilles tendon, is likely to be back in football by the end of September. Will it be with Forest, Barcelona or someone else?

Joe Royle, the Bristol City and former England striker, has joined Norwich City for the modest fee of 60,000 pounds.

From JIM COOK
our European correspondent

Southampton, with Kevin Keegan, had a successful tour of Eire and to wind up their pre-season build-up they have matches in Sweden, Germany, Switzerland and Holland.

Don Revie's nine-year contract as consultant to his former club Leeds United is likely to be cancelled by agreement, with the former England manager copping a 45,000 pound pay-off.

Scottish and Newcastle Breweries are to chip in 1000,000 pound to Newcastle United to provide a huge electronic scoreboard which will be the most sophisticated in Britain and will also be used for advertising.

Newcastle United are likely to sign Finland defender Leo Houtson who guested with the Goordies on their Swedish tour.

Everton have piped Stoke City for Shrewsbury's Scottish winger Paul Maguire. The 24-year-old Scot who cost Everton 260,000 pounds was signed four years ago from Ayrshire junior club Kilmarnock for \$1,250 pounds.

Summerscales leaves

Newcastle KB United stopper Bill Summerscales has returned to England. Summerscales had a cartilage removed after being injured last season and did not recover fully. He and his wife Janet, who is expecting a baby, hope to buy a small business in Stoke-on-Trent.

On the Ball The Player's Viewpoint



Coaches have been a pain



CHRIS KENT

Throughout my career I have been plagued by coaches who have turned me off the clubs I have been with and have forced me to move.

I started playing at an early age in Newcastle, my home town in England.

I played for my school and country before signing up as an apprentice professional with Sunderland, then in the English Second Division.

I stayed there for four years, two of them as a full professional and my most memorable time there was being on the bench at Loftus Road against Queens Park Rangers.

When I started there Alan Brown was the manager and he placed a great deal of emphasis upon youth but that situation changed when Bob Stobbs took over. When Sunderland released me I was very disillusioned and my move to Australia came about through Dave Garthwaite, then with Ringwood City Wilhelmia in the Victorian State League.

David saw my name on the free list circulated around the clubs here and he suggested to Ringwood's president John van Hooeken that the club sign me.

So I signed with Ringwood and started a new life and a new career in this country.

That was in August 1974 and when I arrived I was fitter than I have been since, probably because I had until then been a full-time player.

When I first came here the standard of the State League was better than now due to teams like Hellas, Alexander and J.U.S.T.

Looking at the league now it is a four-horse race and a good English amateur side probably would thrash a top State League side.

I stayed at Ringwood for three seasons but I was keen to play in the PSL and I was confident that I could prove myself.

Getting away from Ringwood was hard for a while and I had to take a firm stand and refuse to play if I didn't get away.

But don't get me wrong. I don't hold any grudges against Ringwood and I look back upon the club fairly nostalgically as it was the first club I joined in Australia.

However, it wasn't relegated — and that could happen only in Australia. After Dave Maclaren took over things didn't go right for me and I left on principle.

Contrary to Hellas's story, it was my own decision to leave not the club's and a lot of people there wanted me to stay and I don't know why I left.

I was doing a few coaching clinics with Rale Rasic at the time and he showed interest in signing me, remembering how I had played against Marconi when he was manager there.

I transferred to Adelaide City for \$7000 but I was unsettled in my initial two months there.

I still was unhappy about leaving Hellas and training five nights a week with City was hard to adjust to.

But gradually I settled and I was very happy. When I came to move it was the same old story — I didn't want to go.

A series of incidents destroyed a great deal of my respect for Rale Rasic. Before our game against New York Cosmos I had already decided that I had to leave but I was disappointed when our players, myself included, were left to train on our own two weeks before the game while Rasic spent most of his time with the Cosmos.

At the pre-match Press conference he turned up and it appeared to me that he wasn't interested in taking our performance seriously.

The players at Adelaide City were no different from those at other clubs. I have been with and the laughs and the friendship were instrumental in maintaining my involvement with the game.

For my money Dixie Deans stands head and shoulders above other players because he is a complete professional on the field, aside from his off-field antics.

And it beats me why John Perin has not represented his country more often.

My suggestion for national team selection would be to put all the players' names into a hat and draw out enough names to form a team, because that way the good players would have a better chance of selection.

The players here do a good job considering the part-time nature of the game and the hours many have to put in at their work.

We can improve players only by giving them much more time to spend at their game and until we can produce enough good young players, imports are essential to maintain our standard.

Good coaches here are few and far between and I haven't learnt anything that I can't already know before coming to Australia.

Most coaches here are really trainers and their emphasis is on physical fitness rather than on method.

Why try to drum things into kids at too early an age rather than waiting until they are about 11 or 12.

And as for the administration, it is like the goldfish in the goldfish bowl — it is going nowhere!

We desperately need new blood to take over from the administrators that have been making a living from the game for far too long.

I think the media do the best they can and I can see us having as much Press coverage as Australian Rules football.

The only thing that could help the promotion of the game would be if Australia could get to Spain in 1982 but I am not confident about our chances.

The national team is far from settled and it appears to me that most other countries in the region have improved greatly while we have wasted time. These countries have more money and hence more expertise.

As for myself, I am happy to be at Hakoah and we have the makings of a good side. Time will help us to improve and knit together as a team.

I've never had any ambition to play for Australia and all I aim for is to go on playing for as long as I can, irrespective of the level.

But you should never lose your enjoyment of the game otherwise you may as well hang up your boots.

Chris Kent in action for South Melbourne Hellas.

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It's still Dunne

Votes for the General Tourist Best Player Award, a return trip for two to New Zealand.

CROATIA V ALTONA
3 — Adams (C)
2 — van der Poel (A)
1 — Kerr (C)

JUVENTUS V MAKEDONIA
3 — Faulkner (M)
2 — Petrovski (M)
1 — Ollerton (M)

SUNSHINE V FRANKSTON
3 — Adams (F)
2 — Parton (F)
1 — Ellis (S)

SLAVIA V GREEN GULLY
3 — Dunne (GG)
2 — Segi (GG)
1 — Cullen (Slav)

CROYDON V GEORGE CROSS
3 — Wilkinson (GC)
2 — McCombe (Croy)
1 — Amos (GC)

W. SUBURBS V HAKOAH
3 — Glykokalamos (WS)
2 — Jordanou (H)
1 — Bannan (H)

Progressive totals:
26 — Dunne (GG)
25 — Glykokalamos (WS)
18 — Cullen (Slav)
16 — Paparaz (GC)
15 — Russell (S), Kent (H)

Leading scorers:
12 — McGuinness (J)
9 — McMillan (M)
8 — Wall, Adams (F)
7 — Gilder (C)

Team of the week

VAN DER POEL
(Altona)

PARTON
(Frank)

DUNNE
(GG)

ADAMS
(Frank)

PETROVSKI
(Mak)

FAULKNER
(Mak)

BANNON
(Hak)

KERR
(Croy)

ADAMS
(Croy)

SEGI
(GG)

OLLERTON
(Mak)

Tactical battle

CROATIA 2 (Gilder, Kerr) ALTONA 0.

CROATIA: Blasby 7 (Inj. Kovac 75th) — Short 8, Gardiner 7, Kozak 7, Blasby 8 — Tront 7, Adams 8 — Hitter 7 (Cumming 68th), Gilder 7, Murphy 8.

ALTONA: van der Poel 8 — Wilson 6, Kelly 7, Grembergen 7, Little 7 — Crow 7, Whyte 7, Murphy 6 (Lewis half shot), Innes 7 — Hoyland 7, Cannell 7.

Altona tried to frustrate Croatia and nine times in the first 30 minutes Altona's offside trap was successful, with Carl Gilder the main victim.

The battle in midfield was tight with Altona using four men against Croatia's three.

To offset this numerical disadvantage Croatia coach Johan Gardiner pushed both full backs, Steve Short and Ante Blavner, into attacking positions but their poor disposal stopped Gardiner's plans from coming into fruition.

Croatia opened its account in the 32nd minute when Keith Adams passed to Joe Tront who in turn sent Gilder away.

Gilder beat Rob Gramsbergen in the race to the ball and tucked it under the diving body of Hans van der Poel.

Four minutes later Ken

Murphy, who had hit the post in the second minute, sent Blavner off down the left and he crossed to the far post but Gilder shot wide from two metres.

One minute later Croatia struck again when Gilder set up Alan Kerr wide on the left and van der Poel again dived in van as Kerr's shot from 20 metres found the mark.

Altona started the second half with many positional changes.

Peter Lewis came on and went to right back, Kevin Wilson switched across to left back, Stuart Cannell returned to the central defence where he looked more at home, John Little moved to the left of the midfield, with Kevin Kelly in the middle and Kevin Innes switching to the right, Robbie Cray went to outside right with Billy Whyte pushing forward into the central striker's role.

Altona came more into the game and had a few chances to score.

Twice the ball was cleared off Croatia's goal but at the other end of the field Croatia could have had just as many goals.

— MICK O'BRIEN

State League ladder

Makedonia	17	11	5	1	25	10	27
Croatia	17	9	6	2	29	14	24
Green Gully	17	9	5	3	25	15	23
Hakoah	17	7	5	4	18	17	19
Frankston	16	6	5	6	25	20	17
Juventus	17	7	3	7	26	25	17
Croydon	17	6	3	8	18	21	15
George Cross	17	6	3	8	19	25	16
Altona	17	3	7	7	12	21	13
Western Suburbs	17	4	5	8	17	28	13
Sunshine	17	4	4	9	18	24	12
Slavia	17	2	3	12	10	30	7

Earlier this season Green Gully and Croydon were locked in a tussle for top four honours as the saying goes the worm has turned and Gully has maintained its drive forward while Croydon has slumped badly.

Croydon gets the chance to recover some of its lost prestige when it travels to Green Gully Reserve this Sunday.

All-round endeavour and team discipline were major ingredients in Croydon's early success and coach Norm Hobson will be looking to recover lost ground by rekindling these qualities.

As Croydon's floundered, Gully's stocks rose with creditable performances in the Phillips Cup and memorable draws with Makedonia and Croatia.

No longer can there be any doubt that the organisation at the back is the foundation-stone upon which Gully coach Bobby McLauchlan has built his team's status and Jimmy Dunne, one of the State League's outstanding players, has been a vital factor in McLauchlan's plans.

Age has proved no barrier to the efforts of former Soccerro Bill Vojtek, and Gerry Bennett and Willie Vassallo have put their industriousness to good use.

Gully has lacked the bite up front essential in getting to the top of the league but Bill Morrey and Dave Perkin have tested most defences this season.

Croydon's Steve McCombe and Alan Pongho form a formidable

combination at the heart of their side's defence but they too may wilt under the onslaught of the rampaging Gully, hell-bent upon grabbing second spot on the ladder.

Altona and Western Suburbs face each other at Kim Reserve in a match crucial to the survival of either side.

Although it looks like Slavia's relegation partner will not be decided until the last round, a win here will place the loser in serious trouble as the haunting spectre of Division One comes clearly into focus.

Western Suburbs can win due to the striking combination of Steve Carr and Kit Glykokalamos and Marian Jaworski.

But Suburbs keeper Alex Mitandis will face a trial of strength as he competes with the aerial ability of Altona's Billy Whyte. Central defenders Stuart Cannell and Rob Gramsbergen will move up at set-piece situations to further test lightly-bullied Mitandis.

Hakoah and Juventus have an interesting clash at Middle Park and a draw looks the likeliest outcome.

Juve ace Bobby McGuinness has only recently resumed training after a four week let-off due to a nagging injury and he may well watch proceedings at the other end of the field and envy the service French receives from Chris Kent.

But McGuinness has the knack of making something out of nothing and like Mike O'Hara will have to be at his showy best to combat Juve's striking power.

In other games Frankston should account for Slavia, Sunshine looks like a lamb to the slaughter against league title aspirant Makedonia and Croatia can beat George Cross.



Victorian State League with Craig MacKenzie

Makedonia brushed aside Juventus' threat with a convincing display of powerhouse soccer at Olympic Park and established itself as odds-on favourite for the 1980, State League championship.

Green Gully is enjoying its best year in State League soccer and while the other contenders for top four honors cut each other's throats, Gully marches proudly along, destined to keep its title.

The drop to Division One looms larger than life for Sunshine but the battle is far from over, with Western Suburbs and Altona only one point clear of the Shiners.

Sunshine can expect little return from this Sunday's efforts at Connor Reserve against league leader Makedonia but Altona and Suburbs face each other in a crucial encounter at Kim Reserve.

Take away Makedonia, Croatia and Green Gully and you are left with teams with little between them as evidenced by the five points separating Frankston in fifth spot and Sunshine in eleventh place on the ladder.

JUVENTUS 0 MAKEDONIA 3 (Ollerton 2, Faulkner)

JUVENTUS: Reilly 6 — Della Rocca 6 (Inj. Tarpunio 44th 8), Green 6, Nelson 7, Curcio 7 — Sebaldus 7, Cavalieri 7, Crino 5, Heary 6 — Incantalupo 5 (Ristovski 67th), McGuinness 5.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 8 — Rainey 8, Flavell 8, Higham 7, (Lesbail 63rd) Petrovski 9 — Faulkner 9, Luchessi 8, McMillan 8 (In Beach 78th) — Cullen 8, Ollerton 8, Ward 7.

Makedonia rammed home two messages with its 3-0 victory over Juventus.

The first is that Makedonia now is firmly set as favourite to take out its inaugural State League championship and the second message is that although Juventus has fine ball players it lacks the necessary toughness.

Juventus had the best of the opening chances when Fabio Incantalupo found himself on the end of a fine through ball from Bobby McGuinness only to see Lou Kastner narrow the angle quickly before diving long to his right and make a fine save from Incantalupo's left-foot shot from 10 metres.

After this let off Makedonia set about taking control and in the 26th minute bludgeoned McGuinness, charged down the left and sent a far-post cross to Peter Ollerton who picked his spot before heading truly off the inside of the far upright.

In the 35th minute Juventus, aided by a strong breeze, again went close when a Tony Heery corner was headed down toward goal by John Creany and Incantalupo headed the ball on as it bounced up but Kastner again proved too good and saved well on the line.

In the 38th minute Makedonia wrapped the game up when Ljube Petrovski, who was effectively bludgeoning McGuinness, charged down the left and sent a far-post cross to the head of the incoming Ollerton and Jack Reilly barely had time to react

Sunshine had the advantage of the breeze in the second half but failed to convert two good scoring chances.

Jim McRobert outprinted the Frankston defence but rather than carrying the ball closer to goal, elected to shoot from 20 metres and Bill White-side saved easily.

A McRobert cross later in the game just failed to find the head of Mick Dixie who would certainly have snatched the point the Shiners strove for had he made good contact.

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Our guest tipster this week is Frankston striker Kevin Wall (pictured). Kevin's selection with likely winners in capitals:



FRANKSTON v Slavia at Centenary Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

GREEN GULLY v Croydon at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

MAKEDONIA v Sunshine at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

George Cross v CROATIA at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

Altona v Western Suburbs (Draw) at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Hakoah v Juventus (Draw) at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

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walk away from Croydon Park with both points because we have a hard run, with only one home game left, against Croatia.

"It is in our own hands now and we have to prove our selves when we face up to Altona and Western Suburbs away from home, but our away record is good and augers well for us in those important games," Campbell ended.

WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Graechan) HAKOAH 1 (Daglis o.g.)

SUBURBS: Mitandis — Kyrtidis (Inj. Stragos 83rd), Javoraki, Glykokalamos, Jim Daperis (Inj. Daglis 42nd) — J. Christodoulis, Kurlis, N. Christodoulis — Graechan, Carr, Theodorakis.

HAKOAH: O'Hara — Wilson (Edmondson 70th), Gadsby, Jordanou, Rooney — Bannan (Gibson 88th), McNeil, Blair — Webster, French, Kent.

Hakoah left Schintler Reserve with a lucky point, unable to gain a decisive advantage from its first half use of the wind. Suburbs played its best soccer in the opening 45 minutes.

Marian Jaworski had the task of tagging Graham French and followed the burly Hakoah striker all over the ground.

At the heart of Suburbs' defence, Mike Glykokalamos had a fine game, covering well for his fellow defenders and pushing into midfield when needed to help build play.

Suburbs should have taken the lead in the 63rd minute when Eddie Kupisz headed toward goal from the edge of the six-yard box but Mike O'Hara reacted brilliantly and saved well, knocking the ball out for a corner.

Four minutes later Carr headed over from five metres but Suburbs were stunned when they went 1-0 down after a cross from the right hit substitute Greg Daglis on the back and beat Alex Mitandis in Suburbs' goal.

Suburbs deserved its 82nd minute equaliser and it was a superb goal from Kit Graechan who gave O'Hara no chance with a fierce 22 metre shot that rocketed into the top right hand corner.

Suburbs coach Jimmy Condis was pleased with his side and looked forward confidently to this weekend's clash with Altona.

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COCA-COLA BOTTLERS



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This week's hat-trick heroes:

Alistair Dunkieson, 12 (Knox C); Jason Donohue, 10 (Nunawading C); G. Sparks, 11 (Broadmeadows C); Luciano Farias, 16 (Nunawading C); Anthony Mackie, 12 (David Golder, 11 (Bringingly); Jason Hemmings, 11 (Marrington); Derek Smith, 12 (five goals, (Souths Heights); Naser Elmehdal, 12 (four goals (Colony); Sava Rasmir, 10 (Waverley); Andrew Redford, 11 (Mooroolbark); Peter Greenhaw, 9 (Andrew Alexander, 9 (Dapto); Paul Tam, 9 (four goals (Kew); Steven Zafropoulos, 9 (five goals (Waverley); Jimmy Milton, 11 (George Milton, 14 (Carindale); Marty Kamelos, 10 (five goals (Higgins, 11 (Chick-ton); Ivan Sasic, 7 (Simcoe Maric,

7. Peter Christo, 7 (four goals, (Nunawading C); Ricardo Soldani, 9 (Sunshine C); John Ziembery, 10 (Keilor); Sam Semadeniowski, 13 (Lyndale); Francis Blaseo, 11 (five goals (Brighton); Paul Guarini, 11 (four goals, Jamie Beggs, 11 (Sale C); Robert Smith, 13 (Frankston Pines); Zoran Todorovski, 9 (four goals (Altona Gate); Jason Rennie, 9 (four goals (Green Gully Ajax); Paul Babic, 11 (four goals (Maidstone); Bruno Marcuzzi, 10 (eight goals, Craig Mitchell, 12 (Michael Leake, 10 (Gary Barlow, 12 (six goals, Christopher Grimmer, 12 (Tony Terhaar, 7 (Damien Obst, 7 (five goals (Twin City Wanderers); Simon Mitchell, 6 (Jason Webster, 6 (Darren McLure, 6 (Shawn Crowley, 6 (Mathew Walls, 6 (Brett (Cremie, 6 (Bundoora); Zelko Gaggala, 11 (four goals (Essendon Croatia); Chris Simons, 13 (Simon Field, 8 (Corey Fahme, 9 (four goals (David Motta, 9 (five goals (Fernree Gully); Robert Male, 12 (four goals, Sean Parton, 12 (four goals, Paul Garlick, 11 (Seafield); Nicky Linke, 13 (Anthony Ditchburn, 11 (John Isaacson, 16 (Ivan Antonio, 16 (five goals, J. D'Angelo, 14 (P. Dellacape, 10 (Tony King, 7 (Anthony Pettifer, 10 (four goals, Angeles Boakes, 9 (four goals, Matthew Miele, 11 (Mark Cavanagh, 8 (Gary Vincent, 14 (D. Tipker, 9 (five goals (Mulgrave); Darren Baals, 11 (Barwin C); Gavin Sambell, 8 (Simon Parrott, 7 (five goals, Sebastian Quirk, 8 (five goals, Laurence Hall, 8 (Skye Rovers); A. Longano (Golden City); Phillip Randall, 12 (Claremont High School); Sergio Pignata, 13 (four goals (Salesian College); Gary Gray, 14 (four goals, Ross McLaren, 14 (four goals, Nicholas How, 14 (Creswick); Ian Jackson, 13 (Warrnambool C).



Grant Lee (front row, extreme right) with the Australian youth team. Standing, from left: Calvin Daunt (Q), Oscar Crino (Vic), Vlatko Belic (Vic), Glen Ahern (Q), Rudi Gutendorf (coach), Denos Ivanac (WA), Robert Wheatley (NSW), David Watt (NSW), Peter Bent (Coca-Cola). Front: Jim Patikas (NSW), David Mitchell (SA), Dennis Colusso (NSW), Craig McLatchey (Q), Paul Kay, Ian Hunter (NSW), Mike Lynch (WA), Dave Skeen (NSW), Grant Lee (NSW).

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Grant Lee was serving in the family's corner store at Lane Cove, so our conversation was interrupted by customer requests and the jingle of the till.

But his enthusiasm came through loud and clear... especially when I sprang the news that the Australian youth squad would be going to Fiji in December (see page one).

"You're kidding," he said. "That's fantastic... Fiji... that's great. Tremendous!"

He'd been excited enough about the youth team's trip to Israel, and now this!

Imagine! The sun and the surf and the palms of Fiji, and then the experience of Israel — and the chance to see his sister Sheridan for the first time since last Christmas. See, Sheridan's been away on a working holiday, but she's said she'll fly over to see Grant in Israel.

Of all the youth players we've spoken to, Grant Lee would have to be the happiest.

"A year ago I was playing for Kurungai," he says.

"Now I'm in the national youth squad. I'm going to Fiji and Israel, I'm learning more and more with Sydney City and there are the world championships to look forward to next year."

"Everything's come out of the blue for me. It's all looking great!"

Grant started playing soccer with Lane Cove when he was five, switched to Kurungai at 14, represented NSW at under 19 level at the 1979 and 1980 national titles and the NSW schoolboys last year, and broke into senior State League soccer with Ku-

Grant Lee: sitting on top of the world

ringai in the State League when he turned 17.

He joined Sydney City early this year and now plays in the club's First Division team, alongside other leading youth players, Jim Patikas, Brett Woods, Chris Spanos and 15-year-old Graham Fletcher who has scored more than 30 goals so far this season.

He and some of the others train with the PSL side sometimes and benefit from the advice of coach Eddie Thomson and the senior players.

Eddie calls us aside and tells us what we're doing wrong or right, and what to work on," Grant says.

"I feel really good at the club. I feel I have a future there."

"My game's improved a lot because I've been encouraged to think more."

"The best advice I've had came from Dennis Hoggett who coaches the First Division team. He reckons my biggest asset is my speed and so I should use my speed in games, while at training I should work on what I'm not so good at — lifting my head and looking around. That way I can combine the two gradually."

Grant started with Sydney City in mid-field but he's played as a forward for the past six games and scored three goals. He played midfield and forward for NSW but in the national youth team he was used as full back.

"There were a lot of midfielders in the squad, so they put me in as full back in the national youth team in Melbourne," he says.

"I'd never played that position before but I like it. You get a lot of space there, and I think I played pretty well. But I don't care where they put me, so long as I get a game."

About the world youth championships next year, Grant Lee says:

"I'm confident we can do well. The motivation among the players is great. It'll be incredible just being part of it all — 15 countries coming over and hundreds of Pressmen, and all the coverage it will be given here."

Grant thinks the team probably will be built around St. George midfielder Paul Kay, South Melbourne centre back Steve Blair, Blacktown striker Ian Hunter and Queensland goalkeeper Glen Ahern. He reckons David Mitchell (SA), Calvin Daunt (Qld) and Hunter would form a great forward line, although Oscar Crino (Vic) could also be used up front.

Grant hasn't trained under Rudi Gutendorf yet. Joe Viasitis has been in charge so far. "He's very good," says Grant. "He gives respect and commands it."

Murray Barnes and John Stevenson of Sydney City are Grant's favorite players. "When he has a good day, John Stevenson has tremendous vision. He knows where everyone is," Grant says.

If he needs Dennis Hoggett's advice, perhaps Grant Lee will follow in Stevenson's footsteps one day...

Pantelis names experienced trio

Three players with first division experience, David Miller (Para Hills) Chris Hodgson (Azzurri) and Peter Rankin (Victoria) have been chosen in the SA Under 16 squad for the national championships in Canberra from August 25 to 29.

Coach Nick Pantelis named an 18-man squad after the youth team had beaten the SA Independent Schools team 2-1 at St. Peters College.

The squad is: D. Miller, I. Wayne, J. Mullin, A. Miller, B. Edwards, B. Cook (Para Hills); M. Mousouls, B. Pantelis, B. Tsakouridis, J. Papazoglou (West Adelaide); P. Rankin, F. Poetel (Enfield-Victoria); P. Kitchen, R. Brown (Camberland United); S. Z. Blagayev, S. Cufuta (Polonia); P. Wilde (Nourlunga United); C. Hodgson (Azzurri). Coach: N. Pantelis; Manager: P. Koultzos.



LEIF JENSEN

Roodhouse for Palace, Mitsou breaks leg

A prominent player missing from the Victorian under 16 squad is Box Hill's Ian Roodhouse who is going to England to trial with Crystal Palace. All the boys wish him well.

Of the under 16s, R. McLaughlin and O. Latif were selected in the Australian under 15 team in Perth last year, when they beat Malaysia.

All the squad members have been working very hard and are better prepared, at this stage, for the championships than they were in previous years. All the boys are determined to improve on their performances last year.

Goalkeepers have been given specialist instruction by John Kennedy (ex-S.M. Hellas) and from Fred Brooks who is currently doing a great job for the J.L.M.C.

Despite the bad weather the boys have been able to train regularly thanks to the Brighton Soccer Club which has allowed them full use of its facilities.

The squad is: C. Hearn (Waverley), H. Weldon (Nunawading), J. Mihalidis (Heidelberg), J. Coutts (Hamlyn Rangers), M. Krsevan (Box Hill), D. Beranic (G. G. Ajax), J. Belevski (Makedonia), C. Tsiras (Hellas), R. McLachlin (Hellas), C. Gerick (Keilor), C. Amanatidis (Heidelberg), O. Latif (Keilor), V. Bozinoski (Melbourne), C. Opaninis (Makedonia), B. Bouzas (St. Albans), P. Romano (Juventus), Coach T. Newbiggin, Manager K. Slack, Reserves: G. Karagiannis (Heidelberg), R. Belteky (Melbourne), M. Tutone (Hamlyn), E. Gauci (G. G. Ajax), G. Bakker (Croydon), J. Elanovski (Slavia).

Bad luck hit the Victorian under 13 State squad recently when young Theo Mitsou of Clayton had his leg broken in two places while playing in his school team.

Lee Attard will replace Theo, and comes from the same club — Clayton. Lee will take his opportunity to play for the State with great enthusiasm and effort.

The captain and vice-captain for the team were announced at a get-together for the boys and their parents which was held in the city on Monday night.

Victor Cristaldo of Keilor Austria was named captain, and Vincent Vassallo of Croydon City vice-captain.



John Stevenson in action for Australia against Greece — Grant Lee admires him for his wide vision.

Vics to win in Wollongong?

John Kalinchev, coach of the Victorian under 18 team, is confident his boys will close to winning the national schools championship to be played in Wollongong from 25 to 30 August.

Kalinchev, a physical education instructor at Northcote Technical School, has worked with Preston Makedonia under 14 and under 16 teams for five years.

"It is an enormous thrill for the boys to be selected for Victoria and hopefully some of them will be considered for places in the national team in a few years' time," Kalinchev said.

The Victorian squad recently beat Footscray J.U.S.T.'s Second Division team 3-0 and put up a good fight in losing 3-5 to State League side Slavia.

Rob Erdog scored two and John Bitzonis one against J.U.S.T. Goals against Slavia were scored by: Jan Puckovski, Erdog and Bitzonis.

The Victorian squad is: John Petropoulos, Sam Zervidis, Angelo Petrakos,



John Kalinchev

Rob Erdog, John Bitzonis, George Ligidakos (St. Melb Hellas); Alex Amicic, Slobodan Stojceviski (J.U.S.T.); Bill Popovski, George Lazarou (Preston Makedonia); Fabio Incantalupo, David Coccorachio (Juventus); Jan Puckovski, Sven Helbig (Doveton); Sean Coulter (Ringwood); Jim Bruno (St. Albans).

Pegasus takes on State side

Lalrope Valley club Pegasus boasts an under 16 team undefeated this season.

On 16 August at noon Pegasus under 16s will play the Victorian under 15 side at home and Pegasus coach Harry Hutchinson is confident that his lads will knock off the Vics.

Pegasus under 16s feature two outstanding prospects in part-Aboriginal players Daniel Moberne and Gavan Paine, both 15.

Daniel is a goalkeeper and has conceded only three goals this season, two from the pen-

Gavan is a striker with the impressive record of 60 goals out of Pegasus's 177 goals so far.

Gavan also plays in the club's senior team, an indication of the promise he shows.

Canadian-born Glen Kirstine is a strong, talented sweeper at the heart of Pegasus's impressive goals against record.

The prosperous Lalrope Valley club will

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BACK ROW, from left: Alex McArthur (secretary, Gerry Riley (from Glen Bolg, Scotland, 1978), Hugh Howe (from Sunshina City, 1980), Bill Johnson (from Sunshina City, 1978), Danny Loeck (from Ardair, 1980), Bobby Nisbet (Scotland, 1976), Ken C., 1978), Russell Wilson (president), Bill McArthur (coach), Jimmy Mackay (from Sharnon, 1980), Ken Smart (from Juniors), Henry Gondak (Ardair, 1980), Mick D'Sylva (from Juniors), Bill McIntyre (Makedonia, 1977), John Murphy (team manager), **FRONT ROW**: Ray Langdale (assistant coach), John Balla (Ardair, 1978), Hugh Stewart (Scotland, 1978), Tony Gatt (Sunshine Heights, 1978). Picture by LES SHOR-ROCK.



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Albion Rovers' leaders, from left: Alex McArthur (secretary), Bill Mizzi (senior chairman), Dave Berry (vice-president), Russell Wilson (president), Peter Clabby (treasurer), Jim Melrose (junior chairman), George Provan (fund-raiser)



The Albion Rovers clubrooms at Selwyn Park. Behind the bar is manager Ned Bates, the former Essendon Lions goalkeeper.



Albion Rovers' reserves, back row from left: John Murphy (team manager), Sam Raniolo, Dave Wilson, John Szwed, Ed Patrick, Tibor Simon, Peter Murphy, Ray Langdale (coach). Front: Brian Galea, Peter Szwed, Paul Coyle, Alex McGuinness, Alex Currall, Xavier Haveaux.

Car firm backs Rovers

Albion Rovers continue laying sound foundations with the signing of Werrisno Mazda as their major sponsor for next season.

The Rovers made headlines last week when they became the first soccer club in Victoria to be granted a full liquor licence by the Liquor Control Commission.

The club hopes to generate enough funds at its Selwyn Park headquarters to fight its way back into top ranks.

It was relegated last year after two seasons in State League.

But the Rovers have everything going for them now — an excellent home ground, growing membership, sponsorship, and one of the finest junior sections in Victorian soccer.

There are 12 junior teams, from under 7 to under 16. The under 14s, coached by former full back Jim Munro, have reached the finals of the JLMC Cup for the fifth year in a row. They've won it four times out of five.

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Jim Katsaros of 177 Collins Street, Thornbury, 3071, has entered this picture, which shows Branko Buljevic (left) scoring for South Melbourne against West Adelaide, and Alun Evans following the ball in just to make sure.

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PELIGRO DE GOOOOOL

— Oscar Perea

Grito el "Sargento" Vezzoso, entregate Vermont... estas rodeau.

Vermont 2 W. Brunswick 2

Jugando al mas puro estilo oriental, LOS CHARRINIS se tiran un punto de oro y dejan una maestra ma, el cabe, de que al futbol juegan y triunfan los que jama bajan los brazos.

WEST BRUNSWICK: LAYOLA-BAIMACE
MA-VEZZOSO-GRAND
RES (expulsado)-D'ANGELO-LA GR
BOCA-SALVO-GOZZO-SIN-BILLOTTA
QUINCY (MARQUEE).

Jugando el primer tiempo con viento en contra, los CELESTES no supieron retener al balón y categoricamente cayeron en la trampa tendida por el equipo italiano. Correr, esquivar, pega y pega y darlo para arriba.

Se hacen el primer gol, nosotros estabamos del otro lado, para muchos en off-side.

Siguen sin encontrar el partido y JULIO "CONSERVADOR" GRAND es expulsado por faltas, cuando en el piso sin pelota no ve al José que estaba parado...AHI.

Minutos mas tarde, el golero LAYOLA, que estuvo muy nervioso todo el partido, recibe como todo un balón en el área y cuando el delantero se está dando vuelta para irse, hace LA CHIO LIA, LA QUE NO SIRVE, le tira al "tobillo", el José otra vez AHI., penal, gol, 0-2...???

Se termina el primer tiempo, menos mal, y se sale el segundo con el viento a favor, pero se tarda 15 minutos en "agarrar la manija del partido". Se van encima, los italianos se asustan, y GOLAZO OLIMPICO de BILLOTTA, sobre el "pucho", jugada de gol, PENAL, y ALVARITO SALVO, lo puso 2 a 2.

Los uruguayos se fueron con to do y estuvieron para ganar, so lo les falta tiempo. Debemos destacar un PARTIDO sin FALTAS para EDUARDO "Sargento" VEZZOSO que se las debió jugar solo cuando el Comodoro se fue de holiday. El primero NIN, GORE Y BILLOTTA en el segundo tiempo dieron empuje para que el rest despertara i dieran vuelta un resultado, para la emoción de los muchos hinchas uruguayos

presentes. Una lección mas para nuestro futbol y nuestros jugadores, JAMAS HAY QUE BAJAR LOS BRAZOS, y por eso y solo por eso ya merecían el empate y hasta el triunfo. Aun en la "montaña" de llevarse por delante al rival se acordaron de jugar "la pelota a la muestra" y entraron tocando y demostrando de donde estaban los que saben. Lástima que no alcanso.

RESERVA: Otro gran triunfo 4 a 1, jugando muy bien.

Dejamos el final para algunos hinchas orientales. Algunos fueron muy duros con el equipo en el primer tiempo, incluso se llegó al insulto al jugador de Vermont era todo CELESTE, había ojos que solo les faltó el tercer gol, para lagrimar. El hincha debe saber que el futbol es eso y así, y que tiene dos tiempos, mal le hacen al hombre o al equipo si "le damos con un caño", cuando faltan todavía 45 minutos. El equipo hay que acompañarlo siempre. Se lo puede criticar desde estas columnas lo hacen así, pero NO HAY QUE HERIR NI MENOSCABAR a quienes tienen tantas ganas de ganar como el propio BILLOTTA. Y esto va para todas las HINCHADAS.

El domingo de la mano del Sargento Vezzoso y sacando lo mejor que les dio la tierra donde de nacieron, los jugadores Uruguayos les dieron una lección a los hinchas, pocos, que alcanzo hasta para casi hacerlos llorar de la emoción.

PERDONEN MUCHOS, y sigan comprando SOCCER ACTION.....

PROXIMA FECHA: Con las tablas en la mano y a solo 7 fechas para terminar, el WEST BRUNSWICK, tranquilamente DEBE comenzar a pensar en el año que viene, material y tiempo HAY.

El descenso esta decretado para el NORTH MELBOURNE-YARRALL-EN-DIAMOND CREEK.

Locatarios con NORTH MELBOUR.

Burnley 1 Central City 1

Jugando un gran partido, frente a un rival que es UN GRAN EQUIPO, los CHAVELES reafirmaron que están para cosas importantes y siguen alejándose de la "zona de peligro".

BURNLEY S.C. LOPEZ-LETRAN-MUN
TRE-LEON-VALLEJO
QUIMAREY-ORTIZ-J. CALLE-PIETRA
LUNGA-P. CALLE-SAZ.

EL GOL: Juan "Furia" CALLE de penal, en el segundo tiempo. El capote del CENTRAL CITY, una jugada desafortunada del mejor hombre del campo, EL CHE MONTES, que entregó al portero LOPEZ, el viento la dejó "fuerza" y el puntero derecho empezó cuando faltaban solo 5 minutos para terminar.

Magnifico partido del equipo español, MONTES-ORTIZ-JUAN CALLE, FRANK CALLE, volvieron a repetir la actuación pasada, mientras que el resto GYMAREY-LEON-LETRAN conformaron un equipo parejo que salió a ganar desde el vamos.

Se dominó ampliamente y se terminó 0 a 0 el primer tiempo a pesar del viento en contra.

LOS CHAVELES, posiblemente desde la proxima fecha ganando, y sin tener que ya jugar frente a uno de los posibles que descendían el MITCHEAM, deben comenzar a pensar en 1981, tratando de "terminar de armar este" equipo. Buena respuesta del publico español a pesar de la tarde fría.

RESERVAS: El Central City tiene también un gran equipo de reserva, marchan terceros y con 39 goles a favor, LOS CHAVELES empataron 0 a 0, jugando de mano a mano. AHI ESTÁ LA CARTELA, los posibles cracks del futuro. Sale ya que trabajarlos. **PROXIMA FECHA:** Visitas, un partido muy difícil, que de ganar se, debería a los dirigidos de GIL-QUIERO, para el "chocolate con churros" el resto de los partidos. **CAMPO- TRESARAS RD.**

SOUTH VERMONT, hermoso lugar para el pío-nio y para concurrir a ALENTAR A LOS CHAVELES.

West Melbourne 1 Brunswick City 2

Un hincha definió esta sorpresa siva derrota de LOS GAUCHOS como...PERDIDOS SIN PENA NI GLORIA, tocando el asenso con la mano el West Melbourne, pierde dos puntos claves.

WEST MELBOURNE: CISTERNA-NAVARRE
SUAREZ-MOTANO
CALOMINO-BUIZ-SILVA-REPOSOS
HINWORTH-DITTO-GARCIA.

EL GOL: Dado el portero la recibió sobre la línea y el fue lo dio, GARCIA había concretado en buena jugada dentro del área. CAMAL I de Sunshine tiene el video-tape, sera cosa de mirarlo atentamente.

LOS GAUCHOS jugaron mal, no tiraron al arco y les faltó esa "filma" ese algo que tiene un equipo cuando quiere salir campeón. Partido enredado, no se buscó la "pauza" para pensar y ahí se entro en la de "ellos". Gran actuación de JOSE "KUKY" CISTERNA, el arquero que en la etapa del viento en contra que era empujar a su equipo.

EL MOONIE PONDIS, hace dos fechas esta "jugando" para LOS GAUCHOS. El domingo empataron y si las cosas hubieran salido como la hinchada ARGENTINA esperaba, estarían solos segundos, listo para clasificarse, CON UN PARTIDO MAS. Una tropieza no es caída. **PROXIMA FECHA:** LOCALES OTRA VEZ frente al MOONIE PONDIS.

Los GAUCHOS se deben JUGAR ENTERRONOS, Y UD. AMIGO TAMBIEN... ALIENTE A LA BLANCA Y CELESTE...

Hotham Unit 0. Sth. Oakleigh 3

En una tarde decepcionante LOS MOROCHOS vuelven a perder, sin atenuantes.

HOOTHAM UNITED: CHERPIN-NILO-BAEZ
ORTIZ-NIETO-VALEN
ZUELA-JARA-FLORES-BERNANDEZ (CAR
DONF)-PAREDES-OPAZO.

A pesar de la derrota destacamos dos jugadores NILO y BAEZ, para estar tranquilos LOS MOROCHOS deben ganar 4 puntos sobre 8 a Jueves. **PROXIMA FECHA:** Visitas en NORTH OAKLEIGH, frente al HALLIN RANGERS...ALIENTES...

Aussie Rules reacts

Tasmanian report
by Reg Tolpitt and David Martin

Tasmania's proposed application for a place in the PSF has drawn enormous interest from business houses and the community.

Coverage by the media has been intense, despite moves by the TFL in a meeting with VFL in Melbourne to get a State-wide Aussie rules competition going, and an article by a leading writer in Tasmania to put a Tassie team in the VFL competition.

Soccer has been headlines on the back page and on TV.

Rapid West Point look certain to retain their State League title in Tasmania as with three games to go they are three points clear.

Rapid defeated Launceston Juventus 2-0 and opened their scoring in the first minute when David Smith's low drive was flashed home by Mark Oakes.

Rapid sealed the game in the 22nd minute with a ball lobbed into the penalty area, flicked on by Southworth and Oakes was there again, bringing his tally for the season to 13.

The game was not a good one, but Rapid deserved their win as Juventus were intent more on keeping the score down than on winning. Steve Kannegeiser was sent off in the 60th minute for striking.

Devonport halted their run of defeats by beating White Eagles 2-1 and this virtually has sealed White Eagles' relegation.

Without McKenna and McDonald they were too good and goals came from Rigby and Pizzarini, both from defensive errors by Peter Tinnell. White Eagles' best player.

Hobart Juventus defeated Ulverstone 2-0. Goals by Fabrizio and Parodi were enough to see them into fifth position on the ladder. Once again Brine and Young shone for Hobart while Carpenter was Ulverstone's best.

Croatia played their worst game of the season against Burnie and still won, despite being 1-0 down at half time.

The difference was Brian Davidson who was the only player trying. He set up Spaleta's first and scored one himself. Spaleta's second and Croatia's third was a penalty. Burnie's goal came from Winchester.

Georgetown and Brighton drew 1-1. Andy Schiebel scored for 'Town and Darby Conlan for Brighton.

In Rothmans Division 1, South Hobart crept closer to the premiership with a 1-0 win over Danirp while Olympia kept the pressure on by winning 1-0 against Metro who were in third place.

This means South Hobart must draw or win on Saturday while Olympia must win outright to go level on points.

In remaining games University drew with Taroon 0-0, giving Taroon a much needed point.

Phoenix Rovers defeated Eastern Suburbs 4-2.

ZIKA NIKOLIC



ZRNO PO ZRNO POGACA...
Posle druge krize, koja je duboko zabrinula navijace i upravu, J.U.S.T. se nakon dve nedelje ponovo vraća na terenu, sa kojima ce veridje docekati kraj sezone. U stvari "plavi" su u boljem polozaju nego ikad do sad u Phillips ligi, iako imaju daleko slabiji tim, što znaci da je opao standard igre. A mora d'jeste, kada se jedan "millionerski" tim kao sto je West Adelaide bori za opstanak.

JUST je zasluzeno osvojio bod u Newcastleu, gde je teren vec bio vruc za gostujuce timove. Zaslugu za to snosi odbrana, koja nije dala priliku domacinu da je iznedri. JUST je manje napadao, jer nije imao s kim, ali je ipak imao dve najljepse sanse na celoj utakmici zahvaljujuci izvanrednom Zdravku Jagicu, kome je potreban jedan vodan navale prosjecnog kvaliteta, koji ce pratiti akcije i muniti se oko protivnickog gola. Dragan Vajcica je imao najbolju sanu, ali su mu smetale tudje kopecke. Njegova torba je stavljena u pogresan avion. Zoran Ilic je opet bio najbliži listi strelaca, ali je njegov snazan stur golman sretno skrenuo u kornere.

Iduce nedelje JUST treba ponovo da igra na Western Ovalu protiv Heidelberg Uniteda, što obecava rekordnu posetu. U predgri ce igrati juniori, a onda nastupa folklorna grupa. Utakmica obecava mnogo, bez obzira gde se ova dva kluba nalaze na tabeli, uvek su ova dva kluba igrali izvanredno i rezultat je bio neizvestan do zadnjeg trenutka.

Trenerski Rocci lile je uzeo u obzir Milnes sa mnogo opreze, ali je zadovoljan sto se nije zavrtilo. Doo mu je sanu u pravo vreme i ovaj se dobro pokazao. Za iducu nedelju ce imati mnogo jaku navalu, ako se vrate Josip Picioane i Mirko Rujevic.

MAKEDONIA IGRA BEZ KOMPLEKSA
MAKEDONIA je ubedljivo i zasluzeno pobedila Juventus, koji je bio mnogo jaci na recimo timu. Strelci: Peter Olertson je dobio dva gola i vec se bogati isplatio, jer treba znati da je protiv Croatia najvise uticao da bezazeleni centar stur Ljube Petrovskog završi iz Blasyevih ledja. Ostalo je jos pet kola do kraja prvenstva, ali tesko je očekivati neko iznenađenje, jer Makedonia ima ekipu zreliju i iskusniju, koja dobro zna sta znaci uspevati se.

OSTALI REZULTATI
ALTONA GATE - RINGWOOD CITY 0:2 (0:0). Zanimljivo je da su gosti postigli oba gola dok su igrali protiv vetra. I to oba za nepuna dva minuta, što je bio bladan tus za sve igrače. Uzalud je Cele Preskisi uveo dva sveza kralja, Celesta Talevskog umesto Nikole Kuzmanovica i Duka Masovskog umesto Sekule Sekulovskog, kada je bitka vec bila izgubljena.

PORT MELBOURNE - J.U.S.T. (Drugo tim) 1:0 (0:0). "Plava" navala kao da nije imala none, iako je najveći deo igre proveo u protivnickoj polovini. I kao što se uvek događa kada netko ne zna da iskoristi zrelu sanu, prvo je pokušao, koji ga kosta dva boda. Na ovaj naci, JUST je izgubio najmanje pet asureta, što ga je doveo u bezizlaznu situaciju. Rezerve su igrane nereseno 1:1 (1:0). Milos Simic je izjednačio u zadnjem minutu, golom kakav se retko vidja na centarsur Dragana Nedeljkovskog.

CENTRAL ALTONA/SLOGA - CARLTON/SRBIA 1:3 (1:1). Zastupnici pobeda agresivnijeg i kracijeg tima, Strelci: Peter Vranovsky je 5. minutu za Slogu, Nedeljko Rajic u 7. iz jedanaesterca, Boris Stojcevic u 61. autogol i Ljuba Stojanovic u 66. minutu za Srbiju. Gledalaca oko 300. Igra je bila tipicno prvenstvena. Domacini je imao ipak malo zadovoljstvo, jer je rezerva Sloga visoko porazila Srbiju sa 6:2 (2:2).

NUNAWADING UNITED - HAWKSBURN 1:2 (0:0). Rezultat bi bio daleko veci u korist Hawksburna, da veliko balo, odlucan golman i pristrasan sudija nisu bili na strani domatina. Tesko je izbrojati sve sanse iz prvog poluvremena, koje su ostale neiskoriscene. U 50. minutu Hawksburn postize prvi gol preko Ismeta Caca, ali sanse su izradili Istvan Laslo i Jovan Kalar. Istvan Laslo je poveo na 2:0 u 70. minutu, a minut kasnije sudija je dosudio penal iz sesira, iz koga je Nunawading smanjio na 2:1. Rezerve 2:1 za Nunawading. Strelac Jozef Bona.

VOIVODINA/ALTONA UNITED - PASCOE VALE/PELTIER 1:1 (1:0). Jugo-derbi protiv District lige završi se bez odluke. Bilo je tu lepa i fer igra. Prvo je postigao Peter Vranovsky. Rezerve, 5:0 (1:0). Strelac za Plavi Dunav Sander Varga u 36. minutu. Rezultat je realan. U predgri je rezerva Balacave pobedila Plavi Dunav sa 1:0.

DUNLOP - SPRINGVALE UTD. (BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO) "A" 0:5 (0:2). Strelci: Petar Vasic 2, Dragan Jelicic 2 i Milenko Culbrik 1. Najbolji strelac Milenko Jelicic je dobio dva crvena kartona. U 59. minutu je Slobodan Lukic zbog koskanja upečen u svlačionicu, a posle završene igre u paviijonu je sudija pokazao crveni karton i Ibril Hadziabdic, koga su lupali 90 minuta po nogama mekav sudijine reakcije. Bosch je poveo sa 1:0 niz vetar, a izjednačio je Ibro Hadziabdic u 65. minutu, posto ga je Jova Milinov pronašao na suprotnoj strani igralista.

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